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## Captain Searls Returns as New Surgery Chief

Captain Henry H. Searls (MC), USNR, our new Chief of General Surgery, is no stranger here, as he served at Oak Knoll from January,



Captain H. H. Searls

1943, to February, 1944. At that time he was detached to become Chief of Surgery at Base Hospital No. 8 in Pearl Harbor, a position he held until his return here.

A graduate of the University of California Medical School in 1916, Captain Searls saw a great deal of action in World War I as a Navy officer. Both on the cruiser San Diego and the destroyer Connors, one of the first flush-deckers, he served as medical officer. His destroyer division operated out of Brest, France, and was engaged in escort and anti-submarine duty.

In 1920 Captain Searls resumed his civilian career as the Resident Surgeon at the University of California. Later he became Associate Professor of Surgery and Executive Officer of the Surgical Department at the University of California, positions which he held until he entered the Navy again.

Captain Searls' hobby is golf. His son, Ensign H. H. Searls, Jr., is an Annapolis graduate of 1944 and at present serves as an assistant gunnery officer aboard the USS Washington.

### Correction

The last issue of *The Oak Leaf* carried a story that Lt. Burke was being detached to assume duties in the South Pacific. However, as Lt. Burke was preparing to embark, new orders were received detaching him from BuMed. & Surg. and assigning him directly to the Secretary of the Navy's office in Washington, D. C. All Oak Knollers join in wishing him success and good luck on his new assignment.

## A New Corpsman Is Piped Aboard



EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT SENSATIONAL, DARING, SUPER-DEUCE!

## Brothers Meet in Receiving Room

The Receiving Room of Oak Knoll Hospital was the scene of one of the strangest meetings we have encountered in some time, for it was there that two brothers were united for the first time in years when they both reported here as patients.

Orlando J. Perini S1c, reporting here from the USS J. A. Moffett, arrived at approximately the same time as his brother, Pete Perini, reported in from Treasure Island.

These men had lost contact with each other, and were awaiting word from home so that they could write to each other, when Orlando's ship was ordered to return from the South Pacific, and Pete was transferred to T. I.

Since their fateful meeting the boys have been scanning the faces of everyone on the compound, in the hopes of discovering other brothers, as there are still three more Perinis in the U. S. Navy, somewhere.

These boys from Carlsbad, New Mexico, have seen a lot of action and have written a fine record for the name of Perini, and we hope in the nottoo distant future they will all be united again.

## Wave Officers Take to the Air

WASHINGTON (CNS)—Eighty Wave officers have qualified as aerial navigators. They're the first women in American history eligible to serve in military flight crews.

The women were trained primarily for domestic duty, to replace male navigators who have gone overseas, but may also serve on overseas flights to Hawaii and the Aleutians, where Waves are presently on duty. Some are now functioning as instructors.

## A Pleasant Surprise



Orlando and Pete Perini

## New Oak Leaf Makes Debut; Now Eight Pages

### Features Added, Format Revised

Jauntily wearing a new hat, a streamlined and enlarged *Oak Leaf* with this issue makes its debut at Oak Knoll. Matching the gradual growth of the hospital, the new eight-page paper will now provide more complete news coverage, more pictures and new features.

### Begun in 1942

From its humble beginning in November of 1942 as a little mimeographed paper, through its transformation into a printed bi-weekly in May, 1944, to the present eight-page weekly, *The Oak Leaf* has become an increasingly important morale factor at Oak Knoll.

### New Editor Takes Over

Taking over as editor with the recent departure of Chaplain Pitts is Lt. (jg) Joan Cady Sartorius, USNR-W, an Educational Services Officer here. Continuing as Managing Editor is PhM3c Trondby Fenstad, assisted by Associate Editor HA1c Frank J. Miller. Cartoonist PhM3c John Penberthy remains Art Editor and with this issue adds to his repertoire "Super-Deuce," destined to rival Moiphy in popularity.

### New Features Added

New features beginning with this issue include "Worth Fighting For," "Case of the Week," "Our Doctor," a free classified advertisement section, information on compound and Bay Area activities, the nationwide coverage provided by Camp Newspaper Services, and the ever-popular "Wolf" cartoons.

### Circulation Upped

Circulation has been increased to 5,000 to insure that every Oak Knoller will have a chance to read the paper, and a mailing box has been inserted on the last page to facilitate its mailing to the folks at home.

### Contributions Welcomed

It is planned to have an *Oak Leaf* contribution box placed at a strategic point on the compound for the use of those desiring to place an ad or contribute an article or news tip. Contributions from all sources will continue to be welcomed by *The Oak Leaf*.



# The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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## ● "Please Tell Him to Write"

General Vandergrift has said that a letter from home is a great boost for the Fighting Man's morale. Everybody will agree that when the "going is tough"—letters mean a great deal to the men at sea or far from home. But, little is said or thought of the boost to the morale of the home-folks by a letter from "The Boy" or from "Daddy."

Every day the Commanding Officer receives letters from anxious mothers or wives asking about their men and "why doesn't he write." The general tone of these letters is always the same. The following are quoted from letters actually received:

"Six weeks ago I received a card saying my son's address is now U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland. I haven't had a letter from him since then."

"My husband telephoned to me when he got back to the U. S. saying he was in the Hospital and not to worry. I haven't heard from him since."

"My boy has been in the hospital for three months. He wrote weekly up to a month ago, but I have had no letter in that time. Why doesn't he write to me?"

"My son has not written for six weeks. I am so worried and afraid he is bad off. Please let me know how he is and if he is able tell him to write to me."

These letters come from people in all walks of life; from humble homes and offices of busy professional men. Some are scrawled in pencil by trembling hands; some are typed and signed by anxious fathers. But they all represent the same anxious desire to have a letter in the man's own familiar handwriting, assuring them that he is thinking of them and that he is all right.

The Commanding Officer answers all these letters and tells the writers the truth about their men. But, no letter from a third party can completely fill that longing to hear directly from the man himself.

It is the duty of every man, who is physically able, to write occasionally to his loved ones at home. After all, they have their worries and problems. Mothers have seen their sons leave home as boys—They can only wait for their return without the excitement of new surroundings and new faces. Wives have been left with the care of homes and children. Why add to their burden of worry and anxiety by thoughtlessly failing to write? A post-card or a letter, no matter how brief, is a reassurance to the home folks. A long newsy letter telling all about oneself is a red letter event in the week and does much to assuage the loneliness and longing for a loved one's return.

Some men say "there is nothing to write about." It may seem this way to them, but to the home folks, even a recital of the daily routine is something of interest.

It isn't always what you write—it is the fact that you do write that really matters.

A. H. DEARING.

P.S. To the GI who has quit his girl. Why not tell her so yourself and not leave it to the Commanding Officer? They also write and ask "why doesn't my boy friend write to me?"

## OPA Warns on "Tie-in" Sales

The OPA office has received a large number of complaints from servicemen and veterans that they have been forced into "tie-in" sales of goods or services when buying vacuum cleaners, radios, photographic equipment, etc.

OPA regulations prohibit "tie-in" sales of any description. No dealer can legally require that a customer purchase another article or turn in a used vacuum cleaner, radio or any other article as a condition of sale.

Any dealer who makes these requirements as a condition of sale should be reported immediately to the nearest War Price and Rationing Board.

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. (Jg) Norman R. Hoelzel (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Charles E. Willis (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Edward A. Millar (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Henry L. Roberts (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Michael G. Polka (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Darrell M. Browning (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Charles R. Baker (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Robert O. Lehman (MC), USNR; Lt. Charles N. Hoyt (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Robert W. Sheldon (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) George E. Murphy (MC), USNR; Lt. Richard C. Wixson (MC), USNR; Lt. Joseph L. Nielson, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) William H. Clark (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Robert W. Jamison (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Richard P. Sexton (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Leo R. Wickert (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) John D. Evans (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Albert C. Broders (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) William A. Galeno (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Bernard D. Gillman (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) S. Romelyn Warburton (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Jasper W. Davis (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) David Spiro (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) John J. McKenna (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Bernard S. Piskor (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) William W. Zeller (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Valerian V. Kobza (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Herbert V. Davis (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Harold C. Messenger (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Robert R. Dew (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Albert J. Farrell, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Clarence H. Folson (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) George H. DeMay (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Charles S. Roller (MC), USNR; Cmdr. George H. Mills (DC), USN.

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## Special Interest Programs

Time: 0900.

Place: Room D, topside Marine Detachment Building.

For: All staff and patient officers and enlisted personnel.

23 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Crime Prevention and Detection." Movie: "Crimes and Prisons." Capt. W. Barbeau (Eastern Police Station).

24 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Public Accounting and Auditing." Mr. DeWitt Alexander (Peal, Marwick, Mitchell & Co.).

25 July—Round Table Series. "News Developments." Movie: "Fury in the Pacific." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

26 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Post-War Printing and Publishing." Mr. Joe C. Laney (Inter-City Press).

27 July—Lecture and Discussion: "Chain and Independent Grocery Store Operation." Mr. Rilea Doe (Vice-Pres. Safeway Stores).

## Surgeon General Asks Increased VD Control

An increase of VD morbidity rates for continental Naval personnel threatens to nullify the gains in control of venereal disease possible through new therapy. Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of the Navy, warned in a recent letter addressed to commanders of naval districts and river commands.

"The venereal disease control program in every activity must be increased in scope and effectiveness," the Surgeon General stated. "Venereal diseases are preventable."

To provide for aggressive development of the control program, BUMED is now training a limited number of deputy venereal disease control officers (Class H(S)) for assignment to districts.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### "An X-Ray of Your Soul"

That would not be pleasant. Just think—suppose someone did invent a machine that revealed the human soul even as X-ray shows our lungs, heart and bones! None of us would be comfortable in the presence of a person who had looked through such a machine into our soul.

Yet, if God is God, He can do just that. He looks into our souls and sees us. That is why one man said, "All our righteousness is as filthy rags."

Does the thought of God being able to know all about your secret thoughts and actions make you uncomfortable? If it does—thank God! There is hope for you. God is still with you, trying to make you a better person.

Does the thought of God knowing all about you leave you undisturbed? "Breathes there a man with soul so dead?" I find it hard to believe there is such a person. If you are—be afraid! You are in danger of losing your soul and everything that makes life worth living.

We do not need an X-ray of our souls. Simply turn the light of our own conscience into the corners of the soul where we try to hide even from ourselves. Turn that light on the habits we have white-washed with excuses. See the cracks where the dirt shows through! Let that be your prayer, "Search me O God, and know my heart . . . and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the Way everlasting."

CHAPLAIN A. T. L. ARMSTRONG.



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## Our Doctor



**CAPTAIN ALBERT MARKLEY SNELL**  
(MC), USNR, B.S., M.A., M.D.

He is known as Al but his mother called him Albert, but that last was many long years ago, for he is older now. Now he is one of the human dynamos on the compound. Rumor has it, and seeing it proves it, that he can cover more mileage in 60 minutes than anyone to date, and yet he has a hankering for a motor-driven scooter so that he can take the hills of the compound even more quickly and thus double his capacity for seeing more people and getting around more often, and that is Captain Albert M. Snell.

### Graduate of Minnesota

He hies from the state of Minnesota, where he was born June 9, 1896, in Lake Park. There followed a short exposure to military school at St. Thomas College, which probably introduced him to the military life. Entering the University of Minnesota in 1914, and needing cash to stay there, he became a sort of glorified chambermaid to the university's cats and dogs, and an expert at pithing frogs for the Home Economics girls.

### Served in World War I

In World War I, as a young doctor just out of university, he served as Lieutenant aboard the USS Luckenbach. After the war he returned to the University of Minnesota for graduate work in medicine. When this was completed he practiced in Mankato, Minn., for four years, doing odd bits as a medical officer in the National Guards for amusement. He took a patient with brain abscess to the Mayo Clinic in 1924 and ended up by going there as first assistant in medicine. He forsook the Army at this point and rejoined his first love, the Naval Reserve.

In 1929, Captain Snell became head of a section, and professor of medicine in the Graduate School of University of Minnesota, some 10 years later.

### Hobbies Are Golf, Fishing

Between golf and fishing trips, Captain Snell has managed to write about 190 papers and become co-author of three books, at least one of which has sold well enough to finance more golf and fishing. He is a member of many scien-

tific societies, including the American College of Physicians, the American Gastroenterological Association, the Central Society of Clinical Research, of which he was president in 1932, and the Association of American Physicians.

### Saw Duty Aboard USS Tryon

He returned to active duty in the Navy in December, 1941, served at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Corona, Calif., and on temporary duty as a lecturer on subjects related to war medicine (a veritable Cook's Tour—the breadth and width of the United States) in many Naval hospitals. In July, 1942, he was ordered to the USS Tryon, the first ambulance ship (APH) to be placed in commission. He served as Senior Medical Officer aboard this vessel in the South Pacific until November, 1943. Captain Snell reported to this hospital in March, 1944, where he has since held the post as Chief of Medicine.

Among the various tasks which he has had at Oak Knoll has been the presidency of the Officers' Club, which he gladly relinquished to Captain Erroll W. Willett this past month. Just now his major interests are the Interne's Committee and the study of numerous cases of infectious jaundice which are appearing on the surgical wards.

There is still a little time left for golf, swimming and amateur gardening and many stacks of dishes at Quarters "C." He is a convert to California and hopes some time to enjoy the state after the Navy and the Mayo Clinic are through with him.

## Off the Bookshelf

Among books recently received by the Hospital Library are a number of new technical books in aviation, radio, electricity.

### Mechanical Engineering

*Audel's Mechanical Dictionary for Technical Trades, Arts, and Sciences.*

*Machinery's Handbook for Machine Shop and Drafting Room;* a reference book on machine design and shop practice for the mechanical engineer, draftsman, toolmaker, and machinist.

### Electricity

Stafford: *Troubles of Electrical Equipment.*

*Standard Handbook for Electrical Engineers.*

### Aviation

Brimm and Boggess: *Aircraft Maintenance.*

Jones: *Elements of Practical Aerodynamics.*

National aeronautics council: *Elements of Technical Aeronautics.*

### Radio

Henney: *Radio Engineering Handbook.*

Hoag: *Basic Radio.*

Morgan: *Aircraft Radio and Electrical Equipment.*

## Bay Area Navy Press Club Formed



**Commander H. M. McKinley, USNR, Welfare Officer of the 12th Naval District, congratulates the newly elected officers of the Enlisted Men's Press Club. Standing, left to right, they are: CM3c Bob Utecht, president; Y2c Robert E. Johnson, treasurer; Y2c Ralph H. Costello, vice-president.**

Plans for a naval enlisted men's Press Club in the 12th Naval District were discussed at a luncheon held at the San Francisco Press Club by editors and reporters from 28 Naval station newspapers in the Bay Area. More than 50 Navy journalists attended, including representatives of *The Oak Leaf*.

The meeting was presided over by Commander H. M. McKinley, USNR, Welfare Officer of the 12th Naval District, after a vote was taken naming him temporary chairman of the group.

Bob Utecht, Carpenter's Mate, Third Class, USNR, was named president. Prior to his entry into the Navy, Utecht was associated with newspapers in Minnesota. He conceived the idea for the club, the first yet undertaken in the Navy, and outlined its purposes to the members.

"Our club," he said, "will make it possible for news writers of all Naval papers to submit their ideas to one centralized unit—something on the order of a syndicate."

Commander McKinley lauded the work done in the past by enlisted personnel engaged in Naval news coverage in this vicinity. "It has been my duty during this war," he said, "to help build morale in various activities, and I am convinced that you are in the very best position to boost homefront and overseas morale, so vitally needed for the successful conclusion of this war."

"Parents all over the country have focused their attention on the Golden Gate—it is the by-word of

every American service man overseas. Mothers and fathers on the homefront best appreciate your station newspapers—they want to read about their sons and daughters wherever they might be."

## Pharmacist's Hit Parade

1. Don't get around much enema.
2. The well-tempered clavicle.
3. The sweetheart of sigmoid chi.
4. Gall or nothing at all.
5. Liver come back to me.
6. O, how I miss you, dear old calomine.
7. Alexander's ragtime gland.
8. I gullet bad and that ain't good.
9. Tissue is or tissue ain't my baby.
10. Moonlight and neurosis.
11. Can't you hear me colin, Caroline.
12. On a biceps built for two.
13. I'll be down to get you epsi-taxis honey.
14. There gauze that song again.
15. From the top of your head to the tibia toes.
16. All the tincture are.
17. Saline, saline, over the bounding main.
18. Come cecum ca.
19. Yessir, asthma baby.
20. Repule will say you are in love.
21. Has antibody seen my gal.
22. Nausea time to fall in love.
23. Thyme waits for no one.
24. Symptoms I'm happy, symptoms I'm blue.
25. The object of my infection.
26. Ammonia lonesome cowboy.
27. Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ra, Tu-La-Remia.



## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Filipino Youngster Gets New Lease on Life Here

Four-stripers moved, but fast, when Rudy smiled. Waves were a pushover. Devoted Corpsmen and visiting Marines ate out of his mittens. Yet, Rudy had but one eye and he was neither tall, dark nor



"Rudy"

handsome, but was he fascinating! Rudy was a forgotten man at two years of age. He looked and acted like a six months' old baby, for he could neither talk nor walk. He had lived through what most of us have only heard about, and when he arrived here he was practically a refugee from a pathological museum.

## Lived in Caves

When Rudy was born in his native Philippine hills he was one of twins. His mother and one twin died about two weeks later from beriberi. From that time on Rudy was more or less on his own. He, along with what remained of his family, lived in caves or under rocks, and for food they had existed on anything that they could find, whether it was dried fish, roots or bugs. It was no wonder then that when he arrived here he weighed only 16 pounds and had two very badly infected eyes.

## Developed Corneal Ulcer

When the young Navy doctor on the homeward bound transport took a healthy look at the little forgotten baby he must have silently wished that he was in the Atlantic and not steaming away from liberated Leyte. Rudy was a tough medical problem in any league and even more of a one in a ship's sick bay. Diligently, and with much care, the doctor wrote that Rudy had had corneal ulcer since August, 1944, from a puncture wound from a stick; that ulceration had been progressing since that time and that much of the cornea had already been destroyed; that Rudy's feeding had consisted of dried fish, and very little milk, and that he had neither seen nor tasted a single vitamin. Also, that Rudy had been passing ascaris (5" to 6") in his stools and from the mouth for a two months'

period and that Rudy had been having periodic chills and fever for the past three months, which was evidently malaria, since his blood smear for malaria was positive.

And that was Rudy's history. For a two-year-old he had lived not well but too dangerously.

There is no question about it, the doctor aboard ship did a magnificent job. Like a puppy, Rudy was wormed. His malaria was treated with atabrine. Rudy began to take a little food and to gain weight. Then progress stopped and Rudy's luck took a bad turn. He developed a cold and abscesses in his ear. Then to top it all off the corneal ulcer broke through into his eyeball and the whole eye became severely inflamed. Once again Rudy was back of the eight-ball. True, the eye quieted down quite a bit with penicillin and hot compresses, but most of his regained weight was lost.

## Weighed Only 16 Pounds

Of all the civilian evacuees who arrived in this convoy, Rudy was probably the least conspicuous. After all, a fellow who only weighs 16 pounds cannot make much of a splash. When they finally got around to Rudy he was found sitting in his crib, like a small owl with a shield over his good eye and a patch over his bad one.

Nobody had done anything for Rudy except his foster mother and the doctor aboard the ship, and he had had to hurt him a good deal. So it was no wonder that when Rudy arrived on the compound he reverted back, and once again became a shy, frightened little boy. He needed a good deal of winning over, a lot of food and a lot of penicillin. At first, he was tube fed but before long he was tucking in mashed potatoes and meat as much as he could lay his tiny hands on.

## Left Eye Removed

It was pretty obvious right from the start that the left eye would have to come out. But it was a good many days before Rudy was well enough to go ahead with the operation. Once it was done, however, Rudy made tremendous progress. Without the interfering eye shield, Rudy's good eye and his shy smile outdid Dale Carnegie's much quoted methods on how to "win friends and influence people."

The days that Rudy was introduced to shoes and to walking were eventful ones. He looked like a man wearing snowshoes for the first time, but didn't we all when we first started to walk?

## Who's Got an Eye?

"An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth"—malaria and roundworms were comparatively easy,

## WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Worth fighting for, in the opinion of MM2c Joseph C. Hutchison, is lovely LaVerne Davis of RFD, Route 2, Herndon, Va. Hutchison, patient on 83A, is shown in a close-up with LaVerne in the corner insert. His home is way over on Route 1 in the same town.

but who had a good eye for a bad one? That was the question! Who had an eye that Rudy wanted or could use? Glass eyes, new or second hand, are strictly pre-war and hard to find, and Rudy's pint size made it exceedingly difficult. So like a football Rudy's eye problem was tossed around. Who had one? And who could give it? The Navy was fresh out of Rudy's size and color, in fact it had no 1945 models. That was the first time. The second time the answer was a little softer. Finally, when the cards were down and due to extenuating circumstances and Rudy's complete two-year-old charm, an eye was found. Dr. H. G. Davies made one of the smartest little orbs it is possible to whip up out of plastic. And Rudy had two eyes.

When Rudy, who was neither tall, dark nor handsome, but a small bundle of fascination, twinkled his two eyes as he departed for his new home in San Diego, all the Waves in 62A agreed that he would get along in the world. If you don't believe it, look at his picture.

Members of the younger generation are alike in many disrespectful

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Income Tax—Playing Truth or Consequences the Hard Way.

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"That's the guy I'm laying for" muttered the hen, as the farmer crossed the road.

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I think that I shall never see  
A gal refuse a meal that's free.  
A gal with hungry eyes not fixed  
Upon a drink that's being mixed.  
But gals are loved by guys like me  
'Cause I don't like to kiss a tree.



"Stop! Not my WAR BONDS! What do you think Kleenex is for?"



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## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: The Oak Leaf does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff.

### To buy...

Ice-box or small refrigerator. Lt. (jg) Geo. T. Adams, Ward 67B.  
Tricycle. Dr. B. L. Canaga, Jr., Ward 48B.  
Car—'36 or '37 model. Lt. H. R. Mallinson, Ward 66B.  
Car—'35 or '36 Ford coupe with radio. H. Lane, Ward 55.  
Car—Late model sedan. See Mrs. Gernandt, Survey Office.

### To sell...

Two Navy GI dress blue uniforms, \$7 each. H. M. Ross, Ward 79B.  
35mm Leica model camera with F3-5 lens and case, \$240. Lt. J. R. Shoemaker, Ward 67B.  
Man's ring, 3.4 carat Zircon, platinum mounted, in yellow gold, \$40. See Miller, Oak Leaf office.  
Trailer—Sleeps 4; electric brakes; pre-war 6-ply tires; completely furnished; insured; 1945 plates. See ChPhM H. F. Alters, 8519 MacArthur Blvd.

Diamond ring, 1.05 carats, yellow gold man's mounting, \$450. PhM 3c P. E. Turner, Legal Assistance Office, Building 1.

Car—Ford model A1929 4-door sedan, 4 new recaps. See Hutchinson, Ward 79B.

Motorcycle—1935 Harley Davidson, series 74. See R. L. Lowder, Ward 41A.

### To rent...

Attention, Naval Officers—House for rent in San Leandro, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, \$100 per month, in exchange for similar house in or near Livermore. See Lt. L. W. Strong Jr., Dental Clinic.

### Wanted to rent...

\$10 reward for information leading to the rental of a 2 or 3-room apartment. PhM3c R. Palestro, Laboratory.

Family of 4 wants home near Oak Knoll. J. M. Frazier, Survey Office.

House or apartment urgently needed for 2 people. Dr. R. H. Baskin, Ward 40A.

### Miscellaneous...

Two riders want transportation from 3900 Lyman Road or from MacArthur and Fruitvale. Would like to leave 0730 and leave base 1630. Mrs. Vance, Survey Office.

### Lost and Found...

LOST—Brown goatskin leather pocketbook, containing money, papers, ID card. Please return to Paul Geddes, Ward 76A.

"How big is a battleship?"

"What kind of battleship?"

"A big one."

"How big?"

"What were poor John's last words?"

"It sure tastes like the real stuff."

## Patient Unveils Talented Left

Platoon Sgt. A. L. Blaisdell from ward 53 joined the Marine Corps regulars as soon as he had graduated from the Brawley, Calif., high



"Rehab showed me the blueprints and I... well, that's it."

school in 1938. While serving with a Marine detachment aboard the USS New Orleans, Blaisdell began drawing cartoons for the ship's paper.

For the next six years he spent his leisure time cartooning for friends in his various outfits. Then in September, 1944, while on Peleliu, a Jap bullet pierced his right shoulder and wrist. This injury resulted in partial paralysis of his right arm.

Since it will be at least a year before the nerves have knit in his right arm, and he can return to active duty, Blaisdell decided to do experimental drawing with his left hand. He visited the Educational Services cartooning class in the Pre-Vocational Training Building, borrowed materials, and went to work.

Reproduced above is one of his recent left-hander creations.

## Stamp Collectors—Note

Collectors of first day issue stamps may watch for the special Suribachi stamp issued 11 July. The stamp duplicates the flag-raising scene in which John Bradley PhM2c was a participant.

Speaking of Niagara Falls, Bob Hope calls it a "Tommy Manville boot camp."

Papa Robin: "What's this strange looking egg doing in our nest?"

Mama Robin: Oh, I just did it for a lark.

Officer: Just a minute, young man. You didn't salute me just now.

Sailor: I beg your pardon, sir. I didn't see you.

Officer: Well, that's different. I thought you were mad at me.

The young kindergarten teacher bowed effusively to a gentleman on a street car and then realized he was a total stranger.

"Oh, I beg your pardon," the schoolmarm stammered, "I mistook you for the father of one of my children."

## Welcome Aboard Shipmates!

On Saturday, July 14, 32 Hospital Corpsmen arrived direct from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School in San Diego, Calif.

They were: William Gardner Barker, Kenneth Norman Blanchett, Leon Blank, Loftter Clair Bowen, Robert Slagle Brashear, Francis Eugene Buchanan, Keith Laughlin Carlton, Donald Eugene Cerqui, Warren Eugene Clark, William Edward Davis, Calvin Clyde Faircloth, Willard Lyle Finkenbinder, Hal Bert Foutz, Carl Teslew Fynboe, John Edward Hanley, Charles Sam Herzberg, Jr., Albert Anthony Huyser, Blaine Gilbert Johnson, Donald Denison Luck, Richard Nichols Malliet, Richard Emil Martin, Douglas Pasquale Milani, Rudolph Monte, Thomas Joseph Pacholl, Timothy Charles Phillipe, Joseph Donald Potter, James "R" Pownell, Glen Curtis Russell, Jr., Gordon Ross Stephens, Herbert Franklin Stevenson, Jr., Richard William Strong, Walter Lawrence Tretton.

To these men we say, "Welcome Aboard, Mates." We say this sincerely, as we know that these men came here because they chose to become members of Oak Knoll's staff.

We are a big family here at Oak Knoll, and there is so much work to be done that personal contact is not what we would like it to be, so we suggest that you read all bulletins on the bulletin boards carefully and frequently. Smooth sailing to all hands.

Signed,

CH. PHARM. H. E. VAN HOOREBECK.

Staff Personnel Officer.

## Parade Rest

This week the detachment said "So long" to three of the "Long Timers" at this hospital. Transferred in a hurry were Sgt. R. B. Edwards, Sgt. H. F. Gnos and Corp. R. McGregor. Good luck, men—see you "Over There."

Going to temporary duty at the Navy Yard, Mare Island, are Corp. C. R. Heuiler and Pfc. R. H. Evans. The Pay Office will be waiting for your return.

Congratulations from the gang to Stf. Sgt. E. L. Westberry, who was promoted to that rank last Saturday. Thanks for the "seegars."

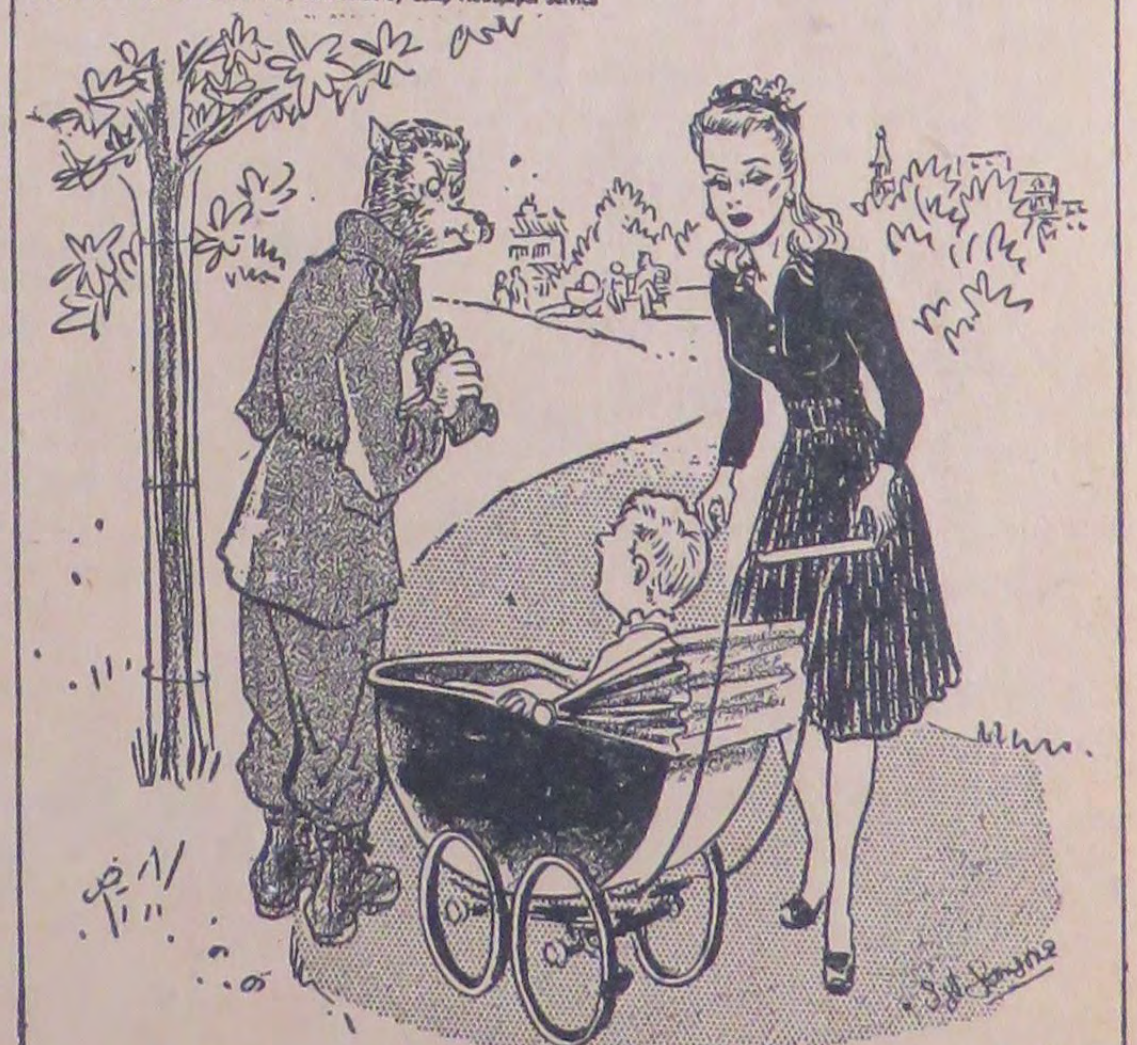
Since the presentation ceremonies will be held on the ball diamond hereafter, instead of the circle in front of the Administration Building, the entire procedure has been changed to that of a normal battalion parade. The battalion will consist of: One company of Marines (3 platoons); one company of Hospital Corps (3 platoons); one company of Doctors (2 platoons); one company of Nurses (3 platoons, including one platoon of Cadet Nurses), and one company of Waves (2 platoons). All companies and platoons will be led and commanded by officers of their respective branches. All members of the staff, with the exception of the Doctors and Wave officers, have attended at least one practice, and should have a basic knowledge of the proposed routine. The date for the ceremonies under the new plan has not yet been set.

Members of the staff who use the patients' barber shop have no right to complain about how long they have to wait for a chair. There is a staff barber shop located in Building No. 25-A, and the patients DON'T go there.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Beat it, Bub—she's my governess!"



# Scuttlebutt

★ This column is going to keep a sharp lookout on those Sunday visits of **Vic Rizk** and **Bill Donahue** to **Ralph P. Woods'** palatial hideout in Burlingame. Do they really go there to play tennis? . . .

★ **Birdie** (Night Telephone Operator) admits that she and **Ray** (Bk 2/c Comm. 2) are heading for a wedding. . . . Keep us posted on the party line. . . .

★ The **Greens** are about to celebrate their six months' anniversary soon at Surgery 2. Congratulations!

★ We understand that **Robbie** has been seeing **Red** lately, but you're not really mad, are you, **Doris**?

★ We suggest that **Thorson**, **Juday** and **Nelson** of Pharmacy procure a good road map before they embark on Sunday afternoon picnics.

★ Is it true that **Bud Wright** is so fascinated by **Pat Kirkpatrick's** charm that he got his dental tech routine mixed up and fastened the dental towel to the chair instead of around her neck? . . .

★ Attention! **Chief Worthington**, **Saunders** and **Steel**—"What became of the tip?" . . .

★ What Chief is looking for a sponsor for Sunday afternoon hamburgers? . . .

★ We hear that the friendship knot is slipping. How about that, **Bowden**? . . .

★ What's the big news that **Suzy** won't tell anyone in Patient Personnel? . . .

★ If there's only one Coca-Cola on the compound, it's our guess that **Busby** in Patient Personnel will get it for **Francis**. . . .

★ We understand that **M.K.** of 80B is being encouraged to change her name to **Miss Ann Thrope**. . . .

★ Can it be the handsome Marine Sergeant who is responsible for that faraway look in **Annie's** eye? Ask the boys in E. C. G. . . .

★ We had a choice article on "**Smitty**," but she didn't think it a bit funny. . . .

★ Now that the lovely Philadelphia has set the style for summer shoes in Surgery 2 (pastel shades of red, white and blue), we understand the other members of Surgery 2 keep their's locked up. Could it be shame or fear that prompts them to do this? . . .

★ **Juan Meat Ball "Pagonis,"** the Lawrence Tibbett of Surgery 2 and composer of "Sentimental Gurney," has received the news that

# Bus Schedule

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

he is to leave Oak Knoll soon. . . . Good luck and happy landings. . . .

★ The question in Surgery 2 is this: Is **Marge** romancing **Martin**? . . . or vice versa? . . .

★ Another Texan entered the world today (July 16) when **Mrs. Caldwell** presented **Comdr. E. H. Caldwell** with a lovely son via Surgery 2. . . . Congratulations! . . .

★ The Polish Ambassador "**Suchy**" of Surgery 2 became engaged this week to a San Jose Lovely. . . . We hear the Chicago girls are wearing their hearts on their sleeves. . . .

★ **Al Ruben** remarks to the Cadet Nurse on 50A, "Don't you remember me? . . . I'm Tonsilitis Acute."

★ Three well-known faces that will be missed in the near future from X-ray are **H. L. Knutson**, **W. L. Kown** and **H. A. Cooper**. Good luck and hurry back. . . .

★ Is it true that since **Gainey** left Surgery 1, a certain Wave named **Jean** is practically a stranger? . . . Drop in and see us some time, **Jean**. . . .

★ Captain **Bligh** of Surgery 1 really has the O. R. Techs on the ball. . . .

★ Two of Oak Knoll's most popular Waves traded Miss for Mrs. when **Mary Bayer** (Patient Personnel) said I DO with **Sgt. R. E. Young**, USMC, before **Rev. J. B. Orr** in Oakland, Saturday, July 7th.

★ **Francis Hardinbrook** (Graphic Arts) returned from the East with news that she married **Phm 1/c Neil F. Herron** in a solemn ceremonial at St. Mary's Cathedral in Perth Amboy, N. J., June 30th. **Phm 1/c Herron** is now aboard the **USS Wayne** at sea.

# ON and OFF the COMPOUND

## SAN FRANCISCO

### Music and Theatre

**Civic Auditorium**—San Francisco Symphony, 2030 21 July (Lottie Lehman), 2030 28 July (Claudio Arrau).

**Curran**—"Carmen Jones," 2030 until 29 July.

**Geary**—"Ten Little Indians," 2030, Sunday matinee 1430.

**Winterland**—"Ice Follies of 1945," 2000, Sunday matinee 1400.

### Cinema

**Alexandria**—"Wuthering Heights" (Geary Blvd. at 18th Ave.).

**Vogue**—"Song of Bernadette" (Sacramento and Presidio).

**United Artists**—"Colonel Blimp" (Market, opp. Jones).

**Loew's Warfield**—"The Corn Is Green" (988 Market).

**Fox**—"A Bell for Adano" (1350 Market).

### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mellow" every Tuesday at 2030 (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 2100 (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 2100 (starring Hal Burdick).

### Museums

**DeYoung Museum**—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.

**Simpson African Hall**—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.

**San Francisco Museum of Art**—McAllister at Van Ness. 1300-1700 Sundays, 1200-2200 daily.

## OAKLAND

### Cinema

**Paramount**—"The Corn Is Green."

**Orpheum**—"Back to Bataan."

**Fox Oakland**—"The Valley of Decision."

**T & D**—"Conflict."

### Mills College

**Lisser Hall**—Budapest String Quartet, 18, 25 July, 1, 8 August, 2015. Admission \$1.20. Spanish Film, "Casa Pan Americana," 2000. Admission.

**Art Gallery**—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 1400-1700.

**Tennis Courts**—All day.

**Chabot Observatory**—Tues., Fri., Sat., 1400-1700. 1900-2100 by appointment. Ke 41561.

### Civic Auditorium

**Arena**—Wrestling, Friday 2000. Boxing, Wednesday 2000. (Free tickets, sign up in Recreation Office.) Colored Dance, 22 July 2000.

**Theatre**—Childrens Concert, National Institute of Music and Arts, 29 July 1400.

**Oakland Ball Park**—Oaks vs. San Diego, 21, 22 July. Free tickets in Recreation Office.

**University of California**—Institute of Music Series at Wheeler Auditorium 2000, admission \$1.00. 23 July, Virgil Thompson and Maxine Shapiro. 30 July, Andor Foldes, piano. 13 August, Ferenc Molnar, viola.

## ON THE COMPOUND

### Cinema (Auditorium)

23 July—"Within These Walls," Thomas Mitchell.

24 July—"Call of the Wild," Clark Gable.

25 July—"Sun Valley Serenade," Sonia Henie.

26 July—"Bowery Champs," Eastside Kids.

27 July—"Weekend at the Waldorf," Ginger Rogers.

28 July—"The Jade Mask," Sidney Toler.

29 July—"Nevada," Anne Jeffreys.

**Golf Tournament**—Plans have been made for the first annual Oak Knoll Golf Tournament. Prizes will be awarded to winners and runners up of all five flights. Championship, first, second and third flights, as well as a Nurses and Wave Officers flight, will be played on a handicap basis to be determined by the Handicap Committee. The tournament will commence on or about August first, and will be played at either Chabot golf course or Sequoia Country Club. Announcement of final arrangements will be posted at the Officers Club.

**Horseback Riding** is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1800 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, minutes before the scheduled time of riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sunday, at the following times:  
Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

## SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till Secured—Enlisted Staff.

### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.  
1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

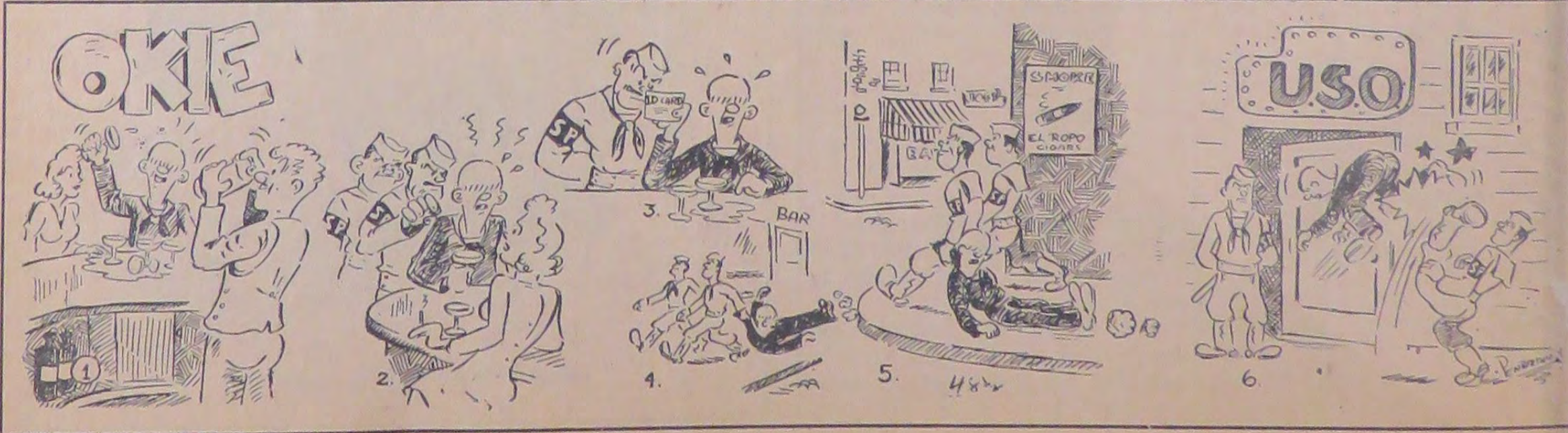
# Change Rules for Married Waves

In a recent directive, BuPers announced a new policy in the discharging of married WAVES. Under the following conditions marriage shall be a reason for discharge:

(a) If married to a disabled veteran or service man of World War II, or a former member of the Merchant Marine who is no longer physically qualified for such service, she can be discharged immediately from the naval service upon her written request by the Commanding Officer.

(b) If married to a service man of World War II who has been discharged, separated from the service or placed on inactive duty for reasons other than disability, she can be discharged by the Commanding Officer upon her written request, after she has served at least one year on active duty.

(c) If married to a service man of World War II who has returned from overseas and is assigned to duty in the United States, an application for discharge can be forwarded to the Bureau of Naval Personnel for consideration, provided the woman has been on active duty for at least one year.





# New Technique Aids Orthopedic Patients Here

Physical Training has been developed into a program here at Oak Knoll that is both interesting and helpful to the patients.

Proof of the good work being accomplished by this department is evident in the Orthopedic wards where, under the direction of Lt. (jg) Adams, the following instructors help the patients get well faster: Chief Specialists Daums (41-A) Miller (41-B), Pyle (42-A), Lansdon (44-A), Lewis (44-B), as well as Specialists (A) 1/c George (42-B), Swearingen (43-A), Sarles (43-B), Meredith (46-A) and Sp. (A) 1/c Picciarelli (46-B).

Statistics show that the patients recover the use of an injured arm or leg in approximately 50% of the time necessary to regain total control by the old method of letting the wound heal completely, then learning to use it again through practice.

It is a proved theory that if the parts of the body that are not injured are exercised during the time the patient is bedridden, his period of convalescence will be considerably shortened. Every ward Sp. (A) is constantly devising new and helpful aids to speed the recovery of his charges.

Great strides have been made in the rehabilitation of nerve injuries through the use of improvised innovations. One of these is the employment of elastic cords from surveyed parachutes which are used for arm and leg exercises for bed patients. Finger boards, originated here at Oak Knoll, have been a great help in Post Neuro Surgery rehabilitation. Bedroom slippers with weights attached are used to an advantage in foot and ankle development, as well as bed pulleys with weights attached.

All basic exercises are prescribed by BuMed, but are often supplemented with variations, according to the judgment of the ward medical officer.

Prof.: You don't know the first thing about syntax.

Student: Don't tell me they're taxing that, too.

## 3-Year Extension of National Service Life Insurance

AL NAV No. 153, approved 2 July 1945, provides for an automatic extension of three years on all National Service Life Insurance Policies issued before January 1, 1946.

The premiums actually chargeable during the additional three years will be the SAME as the premiums charged for the original 5-year term policy (your present policy).

The hospital Insurance Office is located on the third floor of the Post Office Building.

# These Pleased at Gala Elks Show



Pictures above show some of the highlights of the big Elks stage revue presented here July 9. Upper left shows Miss McLaughlin acting head of Welfare and Recreation accepting the Piano given to Oak Knoll after the theatre presentation by the Elks No. 171.

Upper right is Bert Wiggins, thirty-five years on the stage and still going strong. Lower left lovely Barbarina with her educated canine. Lower right, the incomparable Kilgore Dancing Girls.

Other outstanding acts to appear in this production were Cate and Runyon, Mack Brothers and Carlotta Gray.

## Pay Increased for Civil Service Jobs

Pay increases to civil service personnel, made effective by the recent Federal Employee Pay Act of 1945, making clerical and stenographic jobs in Navy establishments more attractive to qualified workers, has stimulated employment, according to Commander H. H. Shirrell, Civilian Personnel Director for the 12th Naval District.

The new act makes several changes:

It raises the basic annual pay rate; it provides for overtime payment at time and one-half of the base rate; and it reduces the period of time after which salary increases within the classification grade can be made. For lower pay grades the period is reduced from 18 months to 12 months; for higher pay grades from 30 months to 18 months. It also provides a 10% premium pay for regularly scheduled work between 6 p. m. and 6 a. m.

Regular provisions for annual and sick leave with pay remain basically unchanged.

Although an increase in employment has been noted recently there are 2,000 unfilled vacancies for

## Public Relations Has New Title—"PubInfo"

In accordance with a recent AINav, Oak Knoll's Public Relations department is now officially known as the Department of Public Information. In charge of this service is Lt. (jg) Mary Mabel Sherrill, USNR-W, who also supervises the functions of the Marine Corps Public Information.

All patients wounded or injured overseas who will be hospitalized here for more than seven days will have a progress letter as to their condition sent to their next of kin. A second letter follows two weeks later.

PubInfo is located in the Administration Building Annex, with the Marine Corps section having an office in the Post Office Building. Sharing the office with the Marines is a Coast Guard Liaison Officer, who comes aboard between 0800 and 1630 on Tuesdays and Fridays.

clerical, stenographic and other office workers in the 12th Naval District, according to Commander Shirrell. Interested persons are invited to make application at the District Labor Board office, 703 Market Street, or other Naval hiring offices throughout the area.

# Friday the 13th No Jinx for Our Softball Team

Continuing their merry winning ways in third round Hospital League play, Oak Knoll's melon men outlasted Treasurer Island, 9-8, on Friday, July 13. The game was played at T. I. and was a thriller all the way, with the Knollers coming through with two runs in the last inning to win.

Oak Knoll led 2 to 1 at the end of the first inning and trailed 4 to 2 at the end of the second. The third inning was scoreless and then our men broke loose for five runs in the fourth.

## Score Five in Fourth

The big splurge started with O'Brien and Postula walking. Kieswater's single, Concannon's double and Ferguson's single then completed the dirty work, all these men having scored by the time the next three men were put out. The score stood 7 to 5 at the end of the fourth.

T. I. bounced back in no uncertain terms to take the lead again on three runs in the fifth. An error and three singles by the Islanders were the ingredients which put them ahead again, 8 to 7.

## Rally to Win

Oak Knoll's winning rally began with Petri furnishing the first out. Hines, replacing Velma, drew a walk and Parkinson singled. Rosenberger was out, O'Brien walked, and then T. I. fumbled Postula's grounder to lose the game, as two runs scored.

Treasurer Island threatened in the last of the seventh with a walk and a single, but newcomer Hines managed to snuff out the rally. Parkinson opened the game as hurler for Oak Knoll, was replaced by Velma, Hines finishing.

## Oak Knoll

	AB.	R.	H.
Rosenberger	4	0	0
O'Brien	2	1	0
Postula	2	2	0
Kieswater	4	2	2
Concannon	3	1	2
Ferguson	3	1	1
Henderson	3	0	0
Petri	3	0	0
Oxford	2	0	0
Velma	0	0	0
Hines	0	1	0
Parkinson	3	1	1

## Treasure Island

Russo	4	0	1
Varcasia	4	1	0
Senical	4	2	2
Sorbo	3	0	0
Dye	4	2	3
Richter	4	2	1
Watts	2	0	0
Atwell	3	1	2
Cook	3	0	2
Siedl	3	0	0
Oak Knoll	2	0	0
Treasure Island	1	3	0



# The Sporting Scene

## Presenting Hospital's Top Bowlers



Above is shown the Specialist A Bowling Team, undisputed champions of the Staff Leagues and of Oak Knoll. Left to right, they are: Haynie, Catalano, Felix and Reakes. In addition, Haynie took the individual championship with a nine-game total of 1756.

## Nurses Overwhelm T.I. By 41 to 1 Score!

In one of the biggest upsets of the season, the Oak Knoll Nurse-Cadet softball team ran up a score of 41 runs to make the final score 41 to 1 over the Nurses at Treasure Island, at T. I., July 12th.

Now that the Cadet softball team has beaten the Waves and the Red Cross team was victorious over the Civilian Office Workers, the final play-off will be held Wednesday, July 25, between the Cadet Nurses and the Red Cross, here at Oak Knoll.

## Richmond Softballers Edge Locals 13-10

The colored boys from Richmond outlasted the Knollmen in a slam-bang baseball game played here Sunday, July 15, by a score of 13 to 10. Williams handled the hurling for the locals, with Moore the winning pitcher for Richmond.

The visitors were out, one, two, three, in the first inning, and Ferguson hit safely and ambled home in the last half to establish an Oak Knoll lead that lasted until the third. In the third frame Richmond tied the score, went on to score three runs on five hits in the fourth and from then on were never headed.

Oak Knoll's big inning was the fifth, when five clean hits were good for five runs. In the last of the ninth they rallied to score three more, but it was too late then to catch up with the Richmond men.

Oak Knoll .....100050013—10  
Richmond .....001312123—13

Battery for Oak Knoll: Williams and Floyd; for Richmond: Moore and Hall.

## Ward 65 Takes Volleyball Title

Under the supervision of Ens. L. Marquiss, Rehabilitation Physical Training Officer, the Ward Volley Ball League played its final games, with Wards 64 and 65 taking the two top positions. In the final play-off Ward 65 trounced Ward 64 to become champions of Oak Knoll. Members of the winning team were: Decker, Escaruba, Kiss, Schiz, Russ and Hoagland.

## Waves Whip T.I. in Pre-League Finale

In the final play-off of the pre-league softball games, the Oak Knoll Waves were victorious over the powerful TADCen Waves from Treasure Island in a close game played here Monday, July 16th. The final score was 5-2.

The TADCen Waves got off to a grand start and at the beginning of the fourth inning were out ahead. However, the fourth inning proved the decisive inning of the game, when Hilborn made the hit that evened the score, and Page registered a timely bingle to put Oak Knoll out in front, 3 to 2.

From there on it was a hard fight to hold the T. I. team down, but good playing plus determination held them at bay while two more runs were scored for Oak Knoll.

### Merto Returns

The five hits of the game were made by Hilborn (2), Page (2) and one by Dennison. The team welcomed PhM 2/c Lena Merto back in her catching position.

Good batting by Merto, Reichenbach, Dennison, Page and Hilborn has been responsible for much of the success the team has had in winning six of the nine pre-league games.

### Meet Pointers July 23

All eyes will be focused on Oak Knoll's athletic field next Monday, July 23, when the Waves will meet the Hunter's Point team in the opening game of the 12th Naval District Women's Softball League, the winner of which will receive the 12th Naval District Commandant's Trophy.

### Bleachers Now in Use

Now that bleachers have been erected for the comfort of spectators, large crowds are expected to turn out to see these league games.

Due to Alice Young being trans-

## Schedule of Women's Softball Games ON COMPOUND

Friday, 20 July—1730  
Nurses and Cadets vs. T. I. Nurses.  
Monday, 23 July—1800  
Waves vs. Waves San Bruno District Game.  
Wednesday, 25 July—1700  
Office Waves vs. Nurses.  
Friday, 27 July—1700  
Red Cross vs. Cadets.  
Monday, 30 July—1800  
Waves vs. Waves N. S. D. District Game.  
Wednesday, 1 Aug.—1700  
Waves vs. Nurses.  
Office Waves vs. Cadets.  
Friday, 3 Aug.—1800  
Red Cross vs. Office Waves.  
Monday, 6 Aug.—1800  
Waves vs. Camp Park Waves District Game.  
Friday, 10 Aug.—1700  
Cadets vs. Nurses.  
Waves vs. Red Cross.

A flirt is a woman who believes it's every man for herself.

\* \* \*

Marriage—The process of finding out what kind of a guy you wife would have preferred.

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Visitor: I'd like to see someone with a little authority.

HA2c: What can I do for you? I have about as little authority as anybody.

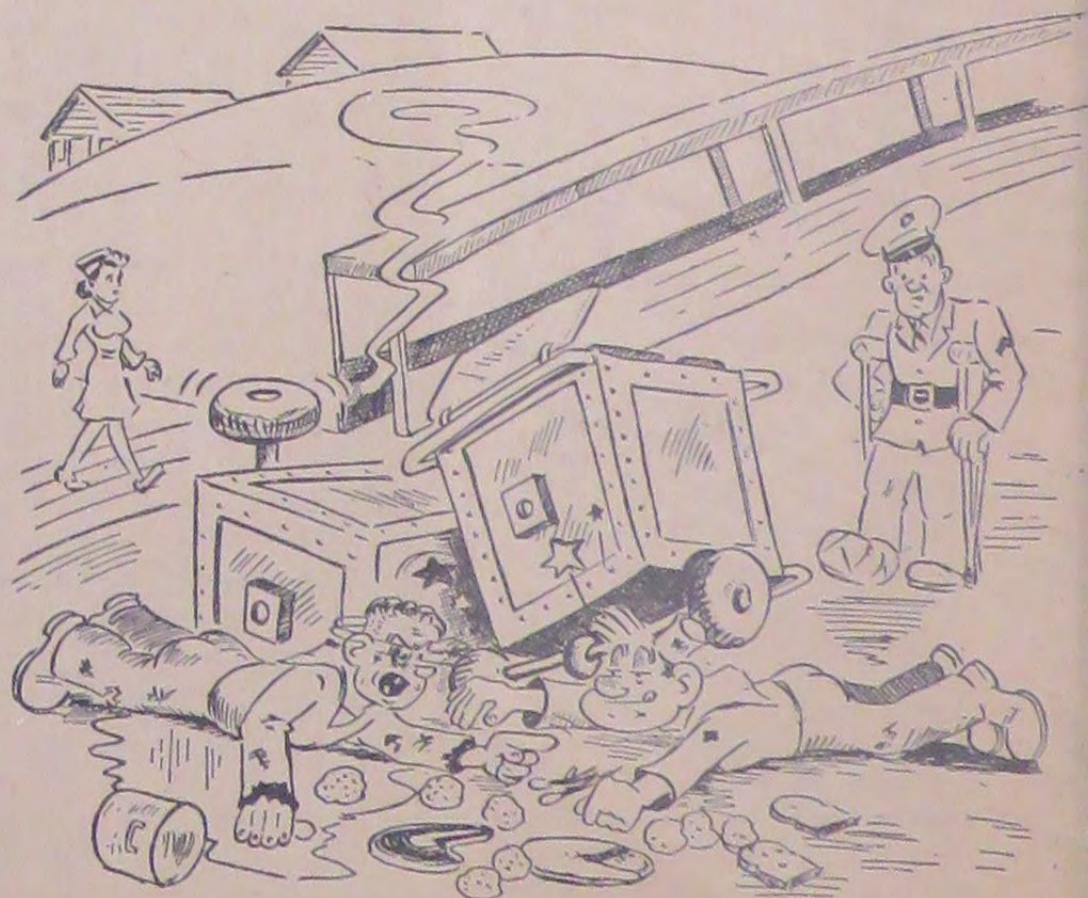
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One hen to another: So you give and give, and what do you get for it? Just chicken feed!

ferred, an election of officers was held. Kathryn Reichenbach Sp(S) 2/c was elected to be the new captain, while Phyllis Hilborn SP(S) 3/c became the acting manager of the team.

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



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Saturday, 28 July, 1945

## Army Doctors Attend Medical Meeting Here

Two hundred staff officers of U. S. Army hospitals in the bay area were guests of Oak Knoll on Friday, July 20, for another in a series of clinical conferences designed to familiarize doctors in the armed forces with the latest discoveries and techniques developed here.

### Capt. Dearing Opens Meeting

The meeting was opened with introductory remarks by our Commanding Officer, Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN.

The speakers of the evening were Lt. Comdr. H. G. Davies (DC) USN, "Preparation of Plastic Artificial Eyes"; Comdr. W. K. Livingston (MC) USNR, "Problems of Peripheral Nerve Repair"; Capt. A. M. Snell (MC) USNR, "Acute Liver Atrophy in Previously Wounded Men."

### Capt. Searls Presents Case

A case of "Regional Enteritis and Compound Dislocation of Shoulder Joint" was presented by Capt. H. H. Searls (MC) USNR. The latest developments in Plastic Surgery were presented by Comdr. P. W. Greeley (MC) USNR.

The talks were interspersed with motion pictures demonstrating the points in question.

## Enlisted Clothing Allowance Upped

Enlisted personnel were \$3 richer last pay day than formerly when the raise in quarterly clothing allowance appeared. Effective July 1 enlisted personnel's allowance was upped to \$12 from \$9, Lt. H. C. Thiele, disbursing officer, said.

The allowance for chief petty officers, cooks and stewards, was increased from \$18.75 to \$20, while Wave's clothing allowance remained at \$12.50 for the quarter.

## Naval Air Stations Get New Mercy Planes

Fifteen SNB-2H hospital planes have been assigned to 14 naval air stations for ambulance duty. The planes are held available for emergency flights at all times.

## Skipper Accepts A-5 Project



Captain Dearing, in accepting the plans for the Greenhouse from Mr. Jacobs, expressed the hospital's appreciation for the completed project. Left to right in the front row: Mr. Bernie Garcia, Staff Gardener, Chief Warrant Officer E. E. Jacobs, Carpenter Catland, Captain A. H. Dearing, and CCM Milander.

## Medicos in Fluke 15-11 Win Over Fair Nurse Softballers

In the grudge game of the century, played Monday, July 23, Oak Knoll's Medicos established a tenuous supremacy in the art of softballing over our fair Nurses by a score of 15 to 11. Just how much of the victory was due to the efforts of the brawny Doctors and how much due to the merciful attitude of our Angels of Mercy is a moot question.

### Miss Brown Mows 'Em Down

Leading the gallant lassies in their ruthless assault on old-fashioned and fallacious theories of male supremacy was staunch Miss Brown, whose swift slants had the patient patchers cowering in terror. In charge of the masculine gold braid was Commander Merwarth, past master of psychology warfare, who augmented his strategy with a solidly physical bingle in the second inning.

### Virtuous Citizenry Cheers Nurses

Counter-attacking the snide tactics of the Merwarth-men by

which they commandeered or hypnotized the umpiring Chief into a lenient attitude was the valiant moral support given the ladies in white by our Chief Nurse, Miss Orr. Her cheering and that of the righteous multitude spurred the Florence Nightingales on to extremely graceful heights but to no avail.

### These Were Our Heroines

Playing for the Nurses were the following gentlewomen: Ward, Perry, Sigurdson, Stockhausen, Baker, Warner, Richmond, Alfonsi, Arnold, and Brown.

Laboring for the pilfering pill-pushers were these gentlemen: Arnold, Fraide, Arada, Bean, Stenson, Madlem, Zeller, Baron, Harris, Bluske, Merwarth, Polka, and Bays.

### The scoring:

	R	H
Nurses	0 1 0 2 2 2 4	11 12
Doctors	3 7 4 1 0 0 x	15 16

## Hospital's New Greenhouse to Add Beauty

Chief Warrant Officer E. E. Jacobs, Assistant Maintenance Officer for Oak Knoll, has proved once more what can be done if labor, plus surplus and reclaimed material are utilized in one constructive program.

### Fills Vital Need

Some time ago plans were made to beautify the grounds of Oak Knoll by landscaping and planting flowers, shrubs, etc. But in order to carry out this plan a greenhouse was necessary to nurture the plants.

So Mr. Jacobs, with the aid of rehabilitation patients on A-5, devised a plan whereby the greenhouse could be built with little or no cost to anyone.

CCM T. C. Hull was elected to supervise the A-5 project, using patient labor and given permission to salvage waste material from the hospital scrap pile.

### A-5's Do the Work

This was an interesting phase of the program, because one day Chief Hull might have twenty A-5 patients assigned to his project for a six-hour period, then for two or three days only five or six men would be available. This was due to the ever-shifting patient population here at Oak Knoll.

However, after ninety days of effort Chief Hull reported to Mr. Jacobs that the project had been completed, and to say the least it was much more than anyone had expected, as no money was directly spent on this activity.

All Oak Knollers will be influenced by this addition, to quote Captain Dearing in his acceptance speech: "Seeds planted and nourished here in this greenhouse will beautify and make Oak Knoll a scene of beauty that will long be remembered by everyone who has spent any time here at Oak Knoll."

## All Train Reservations Should Be Made Here

Jack Linton, SK1c, in transportation office, warns every person leaving this hospital who intends to go by train that all reservations must be made through his office and it is necessary to notify his office five days in advance.



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## • True Meaning of Education

No word in the English language, perhaps, is more widely misused than the word "Education," while the expression "an educated man" has been given entirely too limited a meaning.

"Education" should not mean just a formal course of study in a high school or college for a prescribed number of years. It is a continuing process, throughout life, whereby a man constantly improves his mental powers to cope with ever-changing situations.

An "educated man" is not really "educated" simply because he spends time between the walls of some educational institution. We have had far too many examples of ignoramuses with college degrees who lack common-sense and a proper understanding of the problems of their fellow-men. An honest-to-goodness, "educated" man may or may not possess a college degree.

A high school or college education does provide the shortcuts to the knowledge that one will use when he leaves the campus; it provides the prerequisite that is often necessary for the best positions. But by no means does it follow that the holder of a diploma or a college degree is "educated."

True "education" is an inner thing, gained not only by formal study in school, but a never-ending thirst for knowledge that makes a man study languages, mathematics, history, economics, physics, chemistry, or electrical engineering because these things appeal to him. He is not concerned with "credits" or the magic of the degree, but through untiring application, wherever he may be, he gains that inner satisfaction of learning for knowledge's own sake. . . .

## Welcome Aboard, Shipmates!

Forty-two new corpsmen arrived Saturday, July 21, from the San Diego Corps School, to begin their careers in the Hospital Corps. To these men we say "Welcome Aboard."

Charles Arrambide, Jr., Raymond Joseph Avery, Henry Roger Blanchard, Erwin Henry Boriack, Arthur Sidney Breslauer, James Garland Bridgman, Edward Jerome Bugler, Donald Fredrick Curtis, Gary Clifford Cusick, George Arthur Danforth, Jr., John Alvin Davis, Leon Daniel Davis, Louis James De Martino, Dale Elton Diamond, Robert Eugene Elder, James Edwin Gahan, Robert Willard Hasselle, Jr., Oscar Johnson Haynes, Thomas Darry Johnson, Howard Meredith Gail Koch, Robert Thomas Konopka, Roy Kenton Lilleskov, William Lloyd Lucas, Donald Eugene Mahurin, Spencer Mallder, Jr., Ermil Lee Mallett, "H" Thayne Martin, Frank Bert Miller, Joe John Miller, Jr.,

## Officers Coming

Ch. Pharm. Newland B. Walker USN, Lt. Henry P. Koehler (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Lawrence Z. Freedman (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Charles W. Burkland (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Charles S. Roller (MC) USNR, Lt. Burton E. Kitchen MC-V(G) USNR, Lt. Emory F. Armstrong H(S) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Russell T. Bothe MC-V(S) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Mack L. Parker (DC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Richard D. Simon (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Joseph F. Jones Jr (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Ben D. Thomas (MC) USNR, Lt. Edward I. Robbins (DC) USNR.

## Going

Lt. Richard C. Smith (MC) USNR, Lt. Prentiss W. Burke H(S) USNR, Lt. (jg) Thomas W. Farmer MC-V(S) USNR, Lt. John L. Bush DC(S) USNR.

John William Morhart, Charles Edward Nicol, Maurice John Nivala, Ben Joe Pacheco, Everett Lyle Quimby, Phillip Thomas Quinn, Wallace Kendall Quintus, Charles Roland Samples, Jr., David Elwood Stanford, William James Striplin, Duncan Grant Thomas, Jr., William Charles Witt, Stephen Andrew Zolezzi.

Smooth sailing to all hands.  
 Ch. Pharm H. E. Van Hoorebeck,  
 Staff Personnel Officer.

## Naval Aviation Preparatory Program Open to Qualified Enlisted Personnel

The Navy is now accepting applications from qualified enlisted personnel for training under the Naval Aviation Preparatory Program, which will provide college training for prospective Aviation Cadets prior to their assignment to the standard flight training program. It is designed for the younger and less experienced enlisted men who wish to become Naval Aviators.

General requirements state that the applicant must be a male citizen of the United States; be less than 20 years of age on November 1, 1945; be unmarried and agree to remain unmarried until commissioned unless separated from the program; agree to change in rating to Apprentice Seaman; be rated

not higher than Seaman, First Class, or equivalent; be a high school graduate; pass certain qualification tests; be physically qualified and aeronautically adapted for the actual control of aircraft. Men who have been separated from the flight training program of the Army or Navy by reason of flight failure are not eligible.

Applications shall be filed with Commanding Officers.

The Irish watchman at the observatory was new. He paused to watch a man peering through a large telescope. Just then a star fell.

"Man alive," he exclaimed in amazement, "you're sure a fine shot."

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Freedom or License

Freedom means the right to do whatever you please, and is to be understood as the absence of law, restraint, and discipline. A man is said to be free when his desires are satisfied; and he is said not to be free when his desires are unsatisfied. The goal of freedom is self-expression. Such is the superstition of License or perverted freedom.

This superstition is grounded on a false definition of freedom. Freedom does not mean the right to do whatever we please. If it did, it would be a physical power, not a moral power. Certainly we can do whatever we please, but ought we? Freedom means the right to do whatever we ought, and therefore is inseparable from law.

Nor is it true that freedom consists in the shaking off of convention and tradition and authority. What is called self-expression is in reality often nothing other than self-destruction. About the only curbs the sensate man allows himself are those which contribute to his health. He diets, but never fasts. He feels justified in throwing off all restraint for no other reason than because they are old. When we reach a point where we judge our freedom by the height of the pile of discarded inhibitions, such as the Commandments of God, then anyone who would die for that disemboweled ghost of freedom is a fool.

Furthermore, the superstition of License assumes that men will always do the right thing if they are educated; hence the contempt for restraint and discipline. And here we touch on the basic weakness of sensate education, namely, that it assumes that sin is ignorance, and not the abuse of freedom. Evil is attributed to want of enlightenment. When confronted with the problem of evil, educators immediately rush to a conference to discuss the means of diffusing greater knowledge when what is really needed is more discipline. The intellect makes mistakes, but the will sins. Educators must return to the forgotten truth that character is in the will, not in reason. There is nothing which so quickly develops character as a pat on the back, provided it is given often enough and hard enough.

Why should it take a war to bring out the heroic in us? Why do no one think of the necessity of discipline and restraint until we are out on the business of killing? And if the bravest die in battle, when shall come courage in peace? There is only one solution: We must begin to think less of the things we want to be free from, and begin to think of the things we want to be free for. We must come to know why God made us free.

CHAPLAIN LEONARD A. KELLY.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen.  
 Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
 Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
 Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.  
 Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
 Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
 L. D. S. (Mormon), Thursday at 1930; Chaplain Glen Y. Richards.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly.  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
 Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
 Confessions Before all Masses.  
 Novena—Benediction Wednesdays 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.  
 Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
 The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



Our Doctor



Cmdr. Jesse T. Nicholson (MC) USNR

A familiar figure on the ramps of Oak Knoll and especially in the vicinity of the fracture forties is a spare, alert, quick-stepping Commander. To see him is to automatically make two assumptions: He knows where he is going and he is in a hurry to get there.

Chief of Orthopedics

You will be right on both counts for, both by nature and the dictates of a man-sized job, Cmdr. Nicholson hasn't any time he can waste or would want to waste. As Chief of Orthopedics, which takes in a sizable slice of the hospital and a multiplicity of functions, he is on the go from morning till night. It is a fact to which The Oak Leaf staff can personally and fervently attest, for ours was the job of tracking him down and catching him in a relatively motionless pose.

Is a Busy Man

His work includes the administrative functions of Chief of Orthopedics, various clinics both in the forties and OPD, as many as six operations a day, and a few other odd jobs to fill in the time. His hobbies include swimming, tennis, and golf, at all of which he is probably pretty good. He took up golf, incidentally, so that he could compete with his wife on the fairways.

Cmdr. Nicholson is a Philadelphian and he took both his B.S. and M.D. at the University of Pennsylvania. A list of his medical activities between the time of his graduation in 1928 until he entered the Navy in March of 1942 would tax the capacity of The Oak Leaf so it will remain unsaid.

Bus Schedule

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

Suffice it to say that at the time of his assuming an active duty status he was Associate Professor of Orthopedic Surgery at the University of Pennsylvania Graduate School of Medicine and conducted an extensive private practice.

Saw Duty on USS Solace

Cmdr. Nicholson's service career includes a tour of duty in the South Pacific aboard the USS Solace from April, 1942, to October, 1943. He came to Oak Knoll in November of that year.

If an Orthopedic Surgeon can be said to have a favorite joint, with Cmdr. Nicholson it could well be the knee. He collaborated on an article, "Knee Injuries in Service Personnel," which appeared in the Navy Medical Bulletin of July, 1944. He has written for other publications and at present is working with Dr. Fralick on an opus concerning "Faulty Posture in Navy Personnel."

Has Year-Old Daughter

A versatile as well as a dynamic and forceful person, Cmdr. speaks French, Spanish, and German, and has traveled in Mexico, England, Italy and Germany. He is also the proud father of a year-old daughter.

A gossip is a person who talks to you about others. A bore is one who talks to you about himself. A brilliant conversationalist is one who talks to you about yourself.

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When arguing with a Chief, be sure you're right—and then let the matter drop.

Portrait of Admiral Stitt Is Work of Oak Knoller



Shown above is portrait of Rear Admiral Stitt, former Surgeon General of the Navy, painted by Lt. Bookatz, Navy Artist stationed at Oak Knoll.

On July 6, in Bethesda, Md., a fine portrait of Rear Admiral Edward R. Stitt (MC), USN Ret., was presented to the United States Naval Medical School. The portrait was the work of Lt. Samuel Bookatz H(S), USNR, Navy artist, now stationed at Oak Knoll.

The presentation was made by Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire at a ceremony attended by many naval notables.

Rear Admiral Stitt, the subject of the portrait, is a veteran of many years of service in the Navy and has the distinction of having started the school to which the picture was presented. He was formerly Surgeon General of the Navy.

The microscope shown in the painting has been used by Rear Admiral Stitt for more than 40 years.

A traveling salesman driving through a backwoods section of Arkansas last month stopped at a gas station for some gasoline. Making conversation with the attendant, he said:

"Great job General MacArthur is doing, isn't it?"

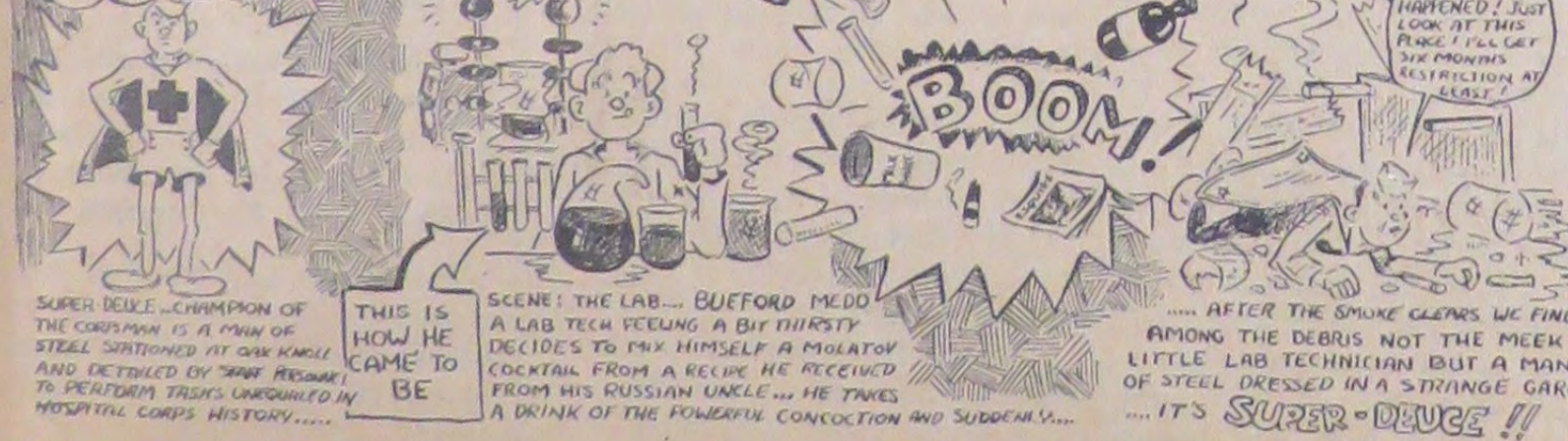
"Who's MacArthur?" asked the rustic.

"Why, he's the fellow who's beating the Japs in the Pacific."

"What for?"

"Oh, never mind. Give me twenty gallons of gas and four new tires."

SUPER-DEUCE



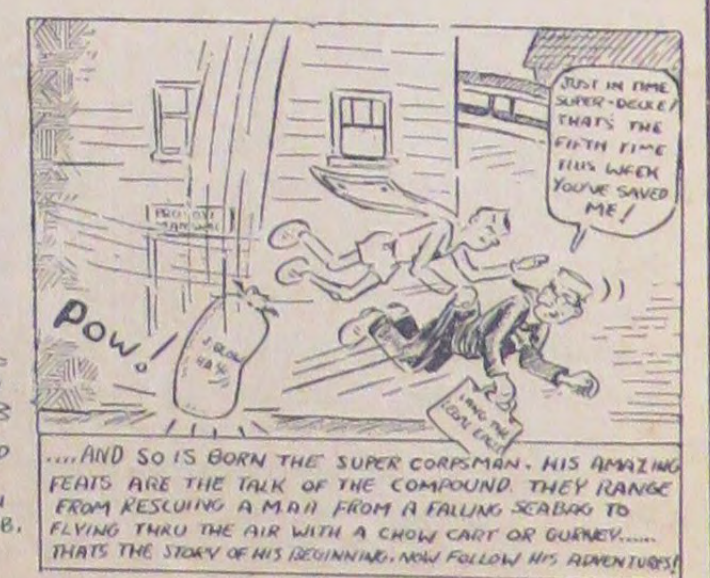
SUPER-DEUCE, CHAMPION OF THE CORPSMAN, IS A MAN OF STEEL SHAPED AT OAK KNOLL AND DETAILLED BY "SAFE" PERSONNEL TO PERFORM TASKS UNEQUALLED IN HOSPITAL CORPS HISTORY.....

THIS IS HOW HE CAME TO BE

SCENE: THE LAB... BUFFORD MEDD, A LAB TECH FEELING A BIT THIRSTY, DECIDES TO MIX HIMSELF A MOLATOV COCKTAIL FROM A RECIPE HE RECEIVED FROM HIS RUSSIAN UNCLE... HE TAKES A DRINK OF THE POWERFUL CONCOCTION AND SUDDENLY...

W-WHAT HAPPENED! JUST LOOK AT THIS PLACE! I'LL GET SIX MONTHS RESTRICTION AT LEAST!

...AFTER THE SMOKE CLEARS, WE FIND AMONG THE DEBRIS NOT THE MEER LITTLE LAB TECHNICIAN BUT A MAN OF STEEL DRESSED IN A STRANGE GARB. ...IT'S SUPER-DEUCE!!



JUST IN TIME SUPER-DEUCE! THAT'S THE FIFTH TIME THIS WEEK YOU'VE SAVED ME!

POW!

...AND SO IS BORN THE SUPER CORPSMAN. HIS AMAZING FEATS ARE THE TALK OF THE COMPOUND. THEY RANGE FROM RESCUING A MAN FROM A FALLING SEABAG TO FLYING THRU THE AIR WITH A CHOW CART OR GURNEY..... THAT'S THE STORY OF HIS BEGINNING. NOW FOLLOW HIS ADVENTURES!



## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Gob Near Death On Arrival; Navy Medics Pull Him Thru

Like a colt making for the hills, the black-haired sailor jauntily strode past Ship's Service, on his way to the Main Gate. There was something about his stride and the way he swung his arms that made you know that he was happy. The fact that his right elbow didn't bend quite as his left one did was hardly noticeable. Shipman was happy because he was going home. And, he was walking out a well man. The noisy bustle and the Gate caught him up as he shifted his kit bag to his other hand, and he was lost in the crowd.

## Near Death on Arrival

Shipman was almost moribund when he arrived by plane at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, from Hawthorne, Nevada, in August, 1944; so nearly moribund that he just missed by a breath not having DOA (dead on arrival) on his hospital ticket. He was in a restless stupor, he had a high fever, and his breathing was labored. His body and neck were stiff and voluntarily he could move only his left hand and head. Moreover his diagnosis was undetermined. Medically, Shipman was a puzzle on his arrival, just as he had been to the doctors who had previously attended him.

As a Torpedoman aboard a PT boat he had seen service in the Southern Solomons. During this tour of duty he contracted malaria and like so many others who had served in the South Pacific he had many attacks of it. Eventually he had orders to Hawthorne for shore duty. It was here that he became ill with chills and fever, and with nothing in his health record except malaria it was natural to suppose that this present illness was another malarial attack. However, no malarial parasites were found in his blood, and atabrine, which had previously helped him, did not change the picture at all.

## Use Penicillin and Sulfa

Upon arrival here a spinal puncture was done immediately (one done at Hawthorne had shown very little) and then it became clear that there was unmistakable evidence of something far worse than malaria—meningitis. Ordinarily, this disease if found in its early stages responds well to treatment; Shipman was considerably beyond this point. Therefore it was with faint hope and much faith that penicillin was introduced into his spinal canal and muscles and sulfadiazine into his veins.

By the third day, there was little evidence that Shipman was any better; this was most discouraging because it suggested that the veins of the surface of the brain were involved in the infection and that there was the possibility of an

abscess. There was no way of telling without a look; to look took courage, but Doctor Bradford proceeded with the delicate and difficult assignment. He tapped the brain cavities, drained the cloudy fluid and replaced it with penicillin solutions. During the next two days the paralysis seemed to improve a little, but the following day Shipman was much worse and the paralysis was almost complete.

## Improvement Slow

Still undaunted, the search was on again for an abscess, but even with the aid of oxygen injected into the brain's cavities and an X-ray, none was found. The cards appeared to be stacked against Shipman and it would seem that this was a natural time to give up, but the doctors still had another trick, sulfadiazine. True, it hadn't helped him before but it was tried again. After two weeks the first real improvement occurred, for the left arm moved a little and then the right arm, and later he could use his right leg. All his movements were stiff and awkward and the right arm was still "out."

It was exactly one month after Shipman's arrival that his head cleared completely. It was then that he realized what he had been through. With his right side still practically paralyzed he had a long way to go. Two months later he could get around a little but it wasn't until February, 1945, that he was back to a near normal state. Then long weeks of physical therapy, muscle education and patient nursing, each succeeding week became a little brighter than the last. A long stay at a convalescent hospital brought back his weight and strength. In short, he had come back to health after one of the most uphill and discouraging medical battles this hospital had ever seen. So far as the doctors here can determine, no patient ever stayed longer in the coma of meningitis and lived to tell about it, and few have ever recovered so completely after such an extensive paralysis.

## Meningitis a War-time Danger

Meningitis has been known for a century and a half. Fatalities in some epidemics have been as high as 60 per cent. In wartime it rarely fails to appear in boot camps and training centers. In the last war, at Great Lakes Naval Training Station, the epidemic was severe and, in spite of the serum treatment then in use, about one man in three or four died and many of the survivors were left with such serious injuries as blindness and deafness. At this same station in the present war, many cases have again occurred but now

## WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Helen Burdett, a Baltimore beauty, is said to rate 4.0 with MoMM2 Arthur Bruce of ward 61A. Also a resident of Baltimore, Maryland Bruce is a veteran of two years of LST duty in the South Pacific

it only kills once in a hundred times and it rarely cripples the victim.

The two "wonder drugs" that are responsible for this great change are the sulfa compounds and penicillin. Sulfa, if administered early enough, is curative; penicillin given in the spinal canal shortens the disease and hastens recovery. Unfortunately, the organism is not always affected by penicillin, as was the case with Shipman. If the brain and spinal cord are severely affected the sulfa drugs do not always reach where they are most needed and sometimes they are poorly tolerated. In such cases only the most persistent and vigorous treatment, the best of nursing care and incurable optimism will save the patient. That is what made it possible for Shipman to walk out the Main Gate the other day with that jauntiness and happy look, with only a little stiffness in one elbow to remind him of one of the closest calls a man could have.

Boot (on K.P. duty): I thought there were potato peeling machines in here.

Cook: There are—and you're one of the latest models.

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"My girl friend and I," a soldier told his pals, "had a swell time last night for a dime. I wonder how her little brother spent it."

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Room C, Educational Services Office.

For: All Staff and Patient, Officer and Enlisted Personnel

30 July—Round Table Series: "United Nations Plan for Governing Colonies." Movies: "Pacific Milk Run," "Beachbusters." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

31 July—Real Estate: "How to Buy a Home." Chief A. A. Daum (Rehabilitation).

1 August—Lecture and Discussion with supplementary film: "Exploring the Heavens." Dr. E. J. Linsley (Chabot Observatory).

2 August—Round Table Discussion: "Transportation and Traffic Safety." Mrs. C. Giantvalley, Mr. E. M. Wetmore (Safety Eng., Key System).

3 August—Lecture and Discussion: "What's Ahead in Labor Relations." Mr. J. Hunter Clark (Consult. Indust. Engineer).



## A collage of six black and white photographs documenting the 1954-1955 tour of the USS Arizona Memorial. The photos show the tour bus, the entrance to the USS Arizona Memorial, the interior of the museum, a speaker at a podium, and a man in a military uniform kneeling to assist a child.

On crutches and in casts they came and so enthusiastic was their cooperation that they really took over the joint. A good time was had by all—and that included the hostesses, the waitresses, the sponsoring committee from the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the entertainers themselves.

Lt. (jg): I did, sir, and we had a wonderful time, but I still want to see you.

Hall's Coffee Shoppe and drive-in at Oak Knoll Blvd. and Mountain Blvd. will be closed because of a shortage of red meat points from July 30 until August 14.

## A black and white cartoon illustration. On the left, two women are seated on a park bench. The woman on the far left is wearing a patterned dress and high heels, looking towards the right. The woman next to her is also in a patterned dress and high heels, looking towards the right. On the right, two men are on the ground. One man is a werewolf, standing on his hind legs, looking towards the women. The other man is crouching on the ground, looking up at the werewolf with a shocked expression. Bubbles are floating around the characters. Papers are scattered on the ground. The signature 'Sgt. Sanjour' is in the bottom right corner.

"Okay! So we teach 'em t' use bubble gum . . .  
NOW STOP 'EM!"



## BASE NOTES

★ L. J. Lavergne, PhM 3c, returned from leave with a big surprise for everyone here. While home he married his best girl, Joyce Richards, in a simple ceremony solemnized by Father Francis Bernier of his home parish in Opelousas, La. Mrs. Lavergne returned to Oakland with her husband.

★ It seems two patients in 48B were talking about fellows being Asiatic . . . PhM 2c Irene Kennison, overhearing them, asked what color and nationality that was! . . .

★ Tied for life: Clayton Braden of Pharmacy took the vow with Thelma Wood at Sacramento on July 1. Clayton says, "It's amazing what you can do on a 72."

★ July 15 was a big day in the life of Mr. Comstock, our Legal Officer. It happened at O.P.D. when Mrs. Comstock presented him with an 8 lb. 15 oz. daughter to be known as Cheryl Briet Comstock. Congratulations!

★ We understand that Hooper of Dental Prosthetic Lab will take the fatal step on Friday, July 27, with the love of his life. (More details later on this one.)

★ Steve of Patient Personnel arrived back from Santa Ana with a swell California tan (Southern California) and news of a new flame.

★ S1c John Gresh will be missed by the Civilian Office workers, as he was the chief attraction on the noon hour follies.

★ When this roving reporter asked for the scoop at the laundry he was given a nice printed card reading thus: "We do our best and everything possible is done to make sure that these goods reach you in perfect condition. If, by any chance, there should be an error in the packing or any other reason for complaints, will you be good enough to forget it." All in fun, of course.

★ Casanova of the week: Sid Stevens, for his excellent performance at the Staff Personnel party.

★ The Oak Leaf's roving reporter (who is also the Oak Leaf delivery boy) was surprised to see so many familiar faces in 62B (Waves' sick ward). Hurry up and get well, girls. We miss you.

★ We never would have thought that shy Margaret Taylor of OPD was a gambler at heart until we saw her nursing blisters on her hand after a slot machine spree in Reno.

★ Oak Knoll's musical talent scouts sure missed on EENT's Gasssey, but does she care? Not as long as her Shipp stays in port.

★ What have the village belles of De Pere, Wisconsin, done to Van of the Eye Clinic? It seems he doesn't know the wolf call any more.

★ Many fine articles made by patients here at Oak Knoll are displayed and are for sale at the handicraft show case in the lobby

of Ship Service. Have you seen them?

★ Since when does Schultz of Staff Personnel have to go to NAS Alameda to get a date? Or has his fame spread and are outside girls cutting in on Oak Knoll Wave territory?

★ Will Joyce Hartley ever develop her right enough to hit the waste basket in Ships Service in one shot?

★ Frances of Outside MMA is inquiring as to how long a CPhM stays overseas before returning stateside. Keep your chin up, Fran.

★ Sight of the week: Members of Staff Personnel arriving home from that Saturday night's shindig.

★ Our choice for this week's Pin-Up Girl: Barbara, civilian employee in Ship's Service.

★ Has Frosty of OPD given up the idea of a nice little farm in Indiana?

★ Emmy Lou of Staff Personnel is enjoying a second honeymoon, thanks to the return of her husband from overseas and a leave.

★ Frank Livingston of Surgery 1 really had quite a time at the Surgery party. . . . He was so wrapped up in the gaiety that two of his buddies literally had to drag him away. . . .

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

**SAN FRANCISCO**

**Music and Theatre**  
Civic Auditorium—San Francisco Symphony, 28 July 2030 (Claudio Arrau).  
Curran—"Rose Marie," 2030.  
Geary—"Ten Little Indians," 2030. Sunday matinee 1430.  
Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 2000. Sunday matinee 1400.

**Cinema**  
Fox—"Thrill of a Romance," Van Johnson, Esther Williams.  
Orpheum—"Naughty Nineties," Abbott & Costello.

**Coast League**  
Seals Stadium—Oaks vs. Seals.

**Radio Broadcasts**  
Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mellow" every Tuesday at 2030 (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at

2100 (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 2100 (starring Hal Burdick).

**Museums**  
DeYoung Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simpson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. 1300-1700 Sundays, 1200-2200 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—7th and Market.

**Cinema**  
Fox Oakland—"Valley of Decision," Greer Garson.  
Grand Lake—"The Corn Is Green," Bette Davis.  
Orpheum—"Back to Bataan."  
Paramount—"A Bell for Adano," John Hodiak.

### OAKLAND

**Joaquin Miller Park**  
Woodminster Amphitheater—"All Artist Concert"; Margaret Parry, Soprano; Daniel Popovitch, Pianist; Frederick Warford, Baritone, 29 July 1600. Free.  
3 August 2030, "Iphigenia in Tauris" by Mills College, \$1.

**Mills College**  
Lisser Hall—Budapest String Quartet, 1, 8 August, 2015. Admission \$1.20. Spanish Film, "Casa Pan Americana," 2000 Admission.

**Art Gallery**—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 1400-1700.

**Tennis Courts**—All day.

**Chabot Observatory**—Tues., Fri., Sat., 1400-1700. 1900-2100 by appointment. Ke 41561.

**Municipal Auditorium**  
Arena—Wrestling, Friday 2000. Boxing, Wednesday 2000. (Free tickets, sign up in Recreation Office.)  
Theatre—Children's Concert, National Institute of Music and Arts, 29 July 1400.  
University of California—Institute of Music Series at Wheeler Auditorium: 2000, admission \$1. 30 July, Andor Foldes, piano. 13 August, Ferenc Molnar, viola.

### ON THE COMPOUND

**Cinema (Auditorium)**  
28 July—"The Jade Mask," Sidney Toler.  
29 July—"Nevada," Anne Jeffreys.  
30 July—"Out of This World," Eddie Bracken, Diana Lynn.  
31 July—"Back to Bataan," John Wayne.  
1 Aug—"Ten Cents a Dance," Jane Frazee, Jimmy Lloyd.  
2 Aug—"Junior Miss," Peggy Ann Gardner, Allyn Joslyn.  
3 Aug—"Penthouse Rhythm," Kirby Grant.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting. Riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:  
Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

#### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till Secured—Enlisted Staff.

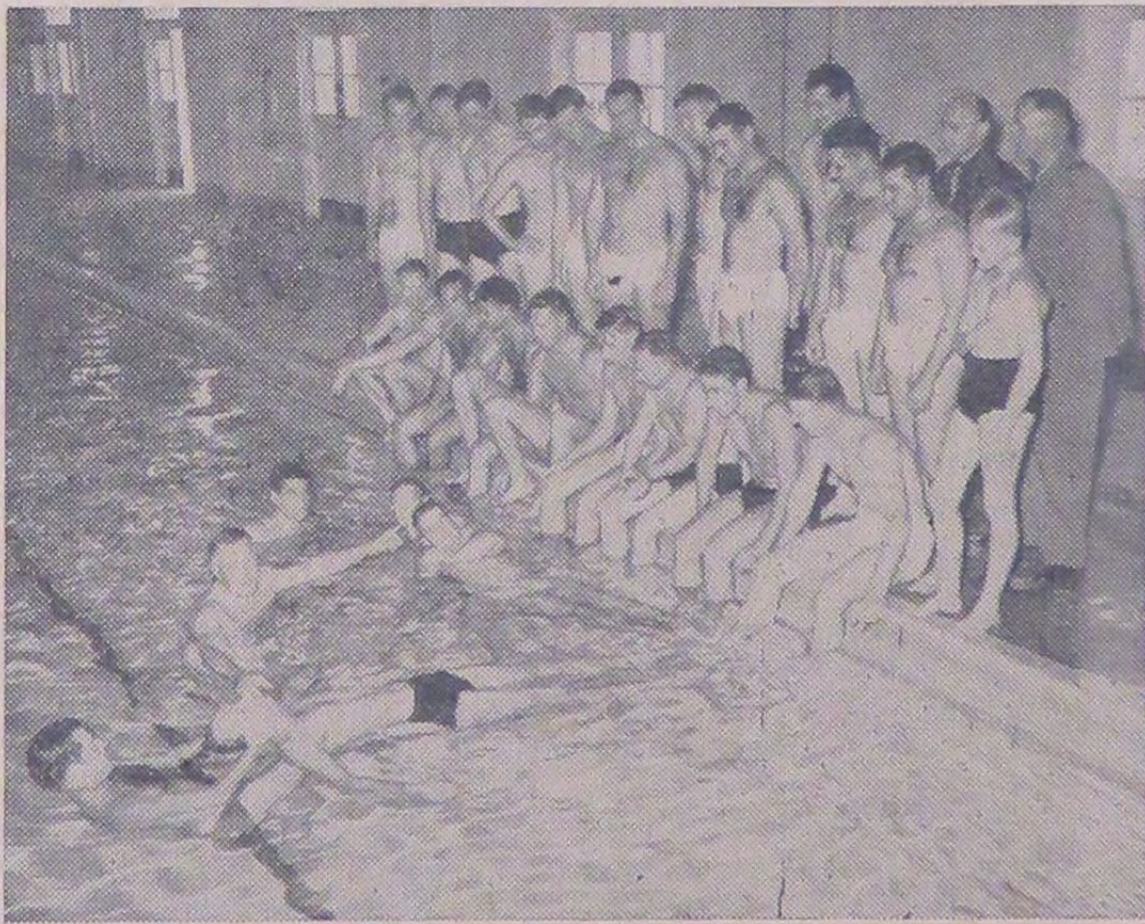
#### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.  
1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

## Hold Training Class at San Leandro



Fifteen members of Oak Knoll's Physical Training staff were recently given a special course of instruction in First Aid, Water Safety, Accident Prevention and Convalescent Swimming at our neighboring San Leandro Naval Hospital.

Classes were conducted by the American Red Cross under the supervision of Mr. Terwilleger. The course was not confined to any one branch of water activities, but covered all phases of life saving, learning to swim, and water therapy as developed and used in the treatment of convalescents.

Lt. Rock, director of Physical Training for Oak Knoll, states:

"It is now recognized that there are certain psychological advantages of swimming over other forms of exercises, as a swimmer not only develops a skill, but also reaches an objective."

The following men qualified and will be certified Water Safety and Convalescent Swimming instructors: Lt. J. E. Katlow, Lt. (jg) A. R. Elliott, CSP(A) T. Haynie, CSP(A) H. Miller, CSP(A) R. Miller, CSP(A) T. McGoly, Sp(A) 1c S. Farison, CSP(A) Lewis, Ap(A) 1c Picarellio, CSP(A) F. Standke, Sp(A) 1c C. Montgomery, CSP(A) J. Riley, CSP(A) G. Smith, PhM3c C. Winters, CSP(A) M. Johnson.

## Lost and Found . . .

\$200 reward offered for the return of a lady's diamond ring lost Friday, July 20, in or around the men's rest room of Ship's Service. G. Montoya, Ward 81A.

Found—Man's wrist watch (in June). Contact Miss MacLaughlin, Lt. (jg) W., Welfare and Recreation.

Found—Yellow box containing merchandise in ladies' lounge. Must identify to recover. Directory Section, Post Office.



## Dental Prosthesis Dept. Expanding

Some time ago it became apparent that the existing Dental Prosthetic facilities here at Oak Knoll would not and could not provide for the number of patients who were in need of this type of treatment.

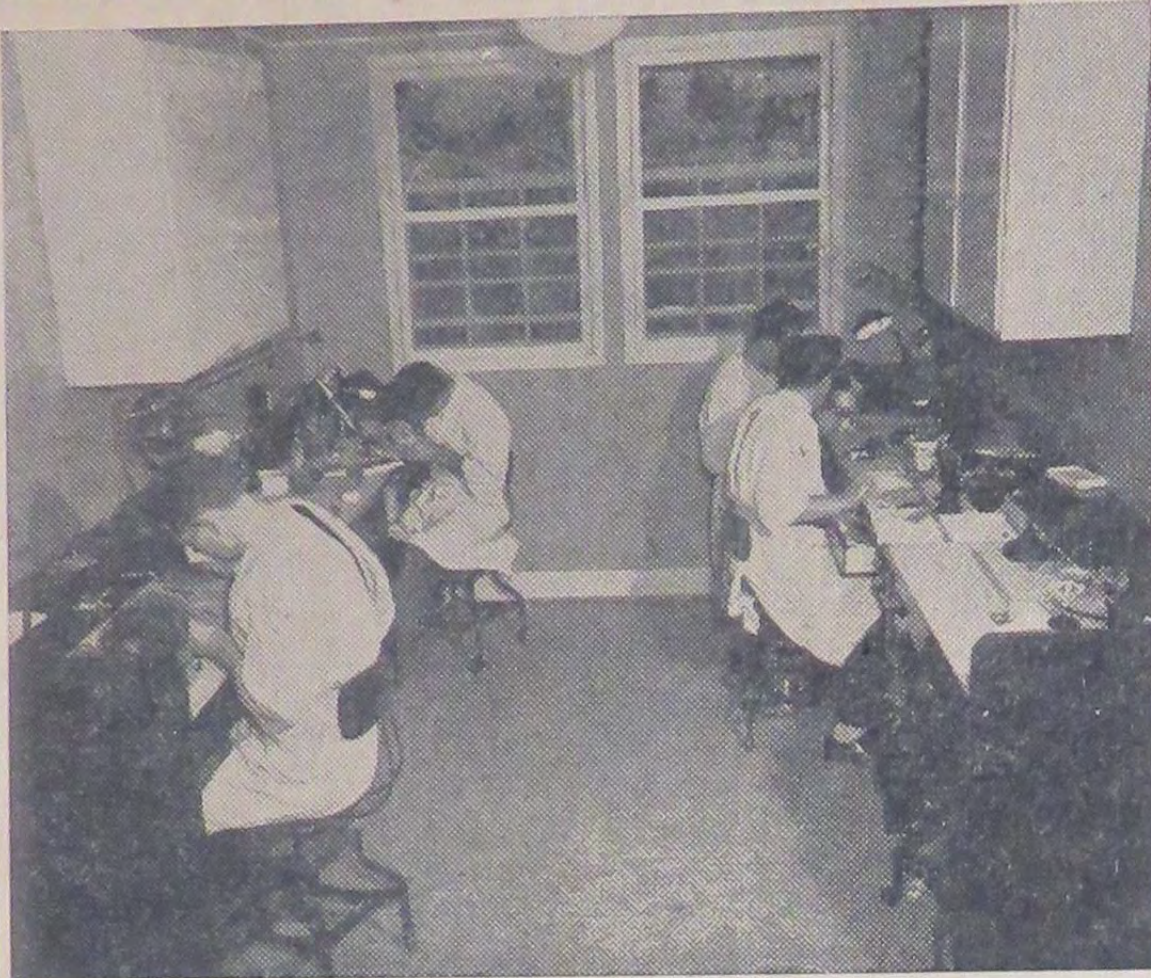
So under the able direction of Captain Errol L. Willett (DC) USN, plans were made and after many weeks of work and planning the new Prosthetic Laboratory is now open and operating with the newest equipment available.

The new laboratory is located in the east wing sub-basement of Building No. 1. There are three operating rooms, a plaster room, and a gold room plus a general lab room where some of the Navy's best Prosthodontists perform modern miracles of dentistry.

Captain Willett states that it will now be possible to handle from 150 to 200 patients a week with these new facilities.

The original laboratory will not be abolished, as it is here that the dental technicians will work hand in hand with the Plastic Surgery department to recreate and rebuild through dental prosthesis.

## These Technicians Use Science's Best



At work in the new Dental Prosthesis Laboratory located in the newly constructed addition to the basement of the Post Office Building are shown, from left to right, PhM1c J. G. Layton, PhM2c K. W. Hooper, PhM2c W. Sawchuk, PhM1c F. O. Garrett.

## To buy..sell..rent..

**NOTICE:** "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

### To buy...

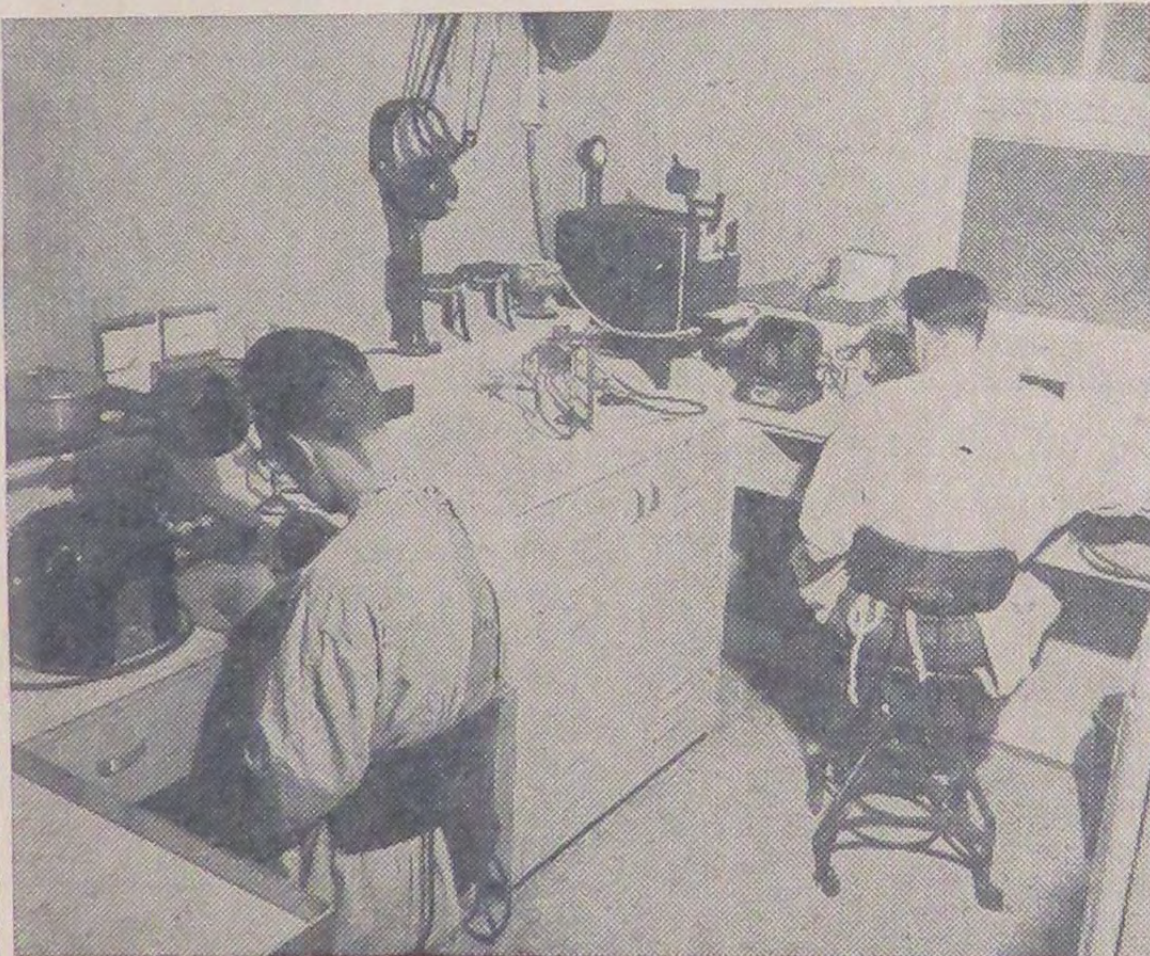
Car—'35 or '36 Ford coupe with radio. H. Lane, Ward 55.  
Car—Late model sedan. See Mrs. Gernandt, Survey Office.

### To sell...

Ford Model A \$300—Betty Stockton, KE 42364.  
Camera, A-8 Cadet (box type) \$7.  
Fox (Dressing room) 49B.  
Car—1931 Model, in perfect mechanical condition, \$225. Miller, Oak Leaf office.  
Three white jumpers (36), \$3. One pea coat (38) \$7. Butch Means, Flc, 60B.  
Two undress blues. Two dress blues. (Size 42.) Clemensten, Sk1c, 78B.  
Car—Willys-Knight sedan. Doerr, Ext. 159.  
Five room home for sale. E. J. Hamilton, 802 Grove Street, Hayward, California.  
Two Navy GI dress blue uniforms, \$7 each. H. M. Ross, Ward 79B.

### Wanted to rent...

Furnished apartment or house, barn, or something for three. C. C. Coy, SKD1c, Disbursing Office.  
Apartment for two refined people. H. E. Jacobs, PhM3c, Phone 103.  
\$10 reward for information leading to the rental of a 2 or 3-room apartment. PhM3c R. Palestro, Laboratory.  
Family of 4 wants home near Oak Knoll. J. M. Frazier, Survey Office.  
House or apartment urgently needed for 2 people. Dr. R. H. Bas-kin, Ward 40A.



Working with the latest in scientific equipment are shown PhM1c H. J. Mason and PhM3c J. J. Musgrove. The new and modern equipment installed in the laboratory will permit the handling of as many as 200 patients a week.



PhM2c W. Sawchuk and PhM3c T. O. Garrett ponder over a problem in prosthesis.



Engrossed in their work are PhM3c T. R. Brumfield and PhM3c R. L. Clement.

## Off the Bookshelf

### New Novels in the Hospital Library

Barnes: *The Passionate Brood*. (Historical novel of the days of Richard Coeur de Lion, in which Robin Hood appears.)

Burnett: *Time to Be Young: Great Stories of the Growing Years*. (Short stories and early memories of youth by various writers.)

Caldwell: *The Wide House*. (New York State in the 1850's.)

L'Engle: *The Small Rain*. (Story of a young girl in Europe.)

McLean: *A Moment of Time*. (Story of life on a Massachusetts farm before the Revolution.)

Molnar: *The Captain of St. Margaret's*. (Romance about a Hungarian captain of the hussars.)

Powers: *Virgin With Butterflies*. (Story of a dizzy blonde.)

Pratt: *Miss Dilly Says No*. (Humorous story with a Hollywood setting.)

Temple: *Cuckoo Time*. (Hollywood story, which claims to combine the best features of Wodehouse and Thorne Smith.)

### New Mysteries in the Library

Armstrong: *The Innocent Flower*.  
Christie: *Remembered Death*.

Dickson: *The Curse of the Bronze Lamp*.

Disney: *Murder on a Tangent*.  
Lockridge: *Payoff for the Banker*.

Halliday: *Murder Is My Business*.

Rice: *The Lucky Stiff*.

### New Westerns

Brand: *Silvertip's Search*.  
Fox: *Thorson of Thunder Gulch*.  
Lomax: *Outlaw River*.  
Short: *And the Wind Blows Free*.

### New Poetry Books

Auden: *Collected Poetry*.  
Dickinson: *Bolts of Melody*.  
Droke: *Stag Lines: The Anthology of Virile Verse*.  
Humphries: *The Summer Landscape*.

### New Biographies

Adams: *A. Woolcott: His Life and His World*. (Biography of a colorful literary figure.)

Espey: *Minor Heresies*. (Reminiscences of a Presbyterian childhood in China, charmingly written.)

### New History Books

Fast: *Patrick Henry and the Frigate's Keel*. (Twelve historical stories.)

Foster: *Abraham Lincoln's World, 1809-1865*. (Informal history of events contemporaneous with Lincoln.)

Laing: *Clipper Ship Men*. (History of the clipper ship.)

### This and That

Stefansson: *Within the Circle: Portrait of the Arctic*. (Attractively illustrated with photographs, and written by the wife of the explorer.)

Hawley: *Seeing the Invisible: The Story of the Electron Microscope*.



# The Sporting Scene

## Pirates Win Thriller 10-9; Softballers Lose to Leandro

In perhaps the best game of the season Oak Knoll's baseball team defeated the Camp Knight Quartermaster Corps on Sunday, July 22, by a score of 10 to 9. Played here, the battle attracted more than 500 spectators—the season's largest crowd.

### Tied 9-9 in Ninth

A colored outfit and a well knit organization, the Camp Knight men fought on even terms with Oak Knoll's Pirates for eight innings. The hospital men were behind at no point in the game but they never were far ahead either and the score going into the last half of the ninth was a tie, 9-9.

The payoff in the ninth was short and sweet and was accomplished before an out was registered. Felix lined out a double and Ferguson singled to bring the game to an abrupt and pleasing conclusion.

### Williams Is Winning Pitcher

Fast-baller Foy started for the Pirates but weakened in the third and was relieved by the dependable Williams, who finished the game.

#### Oak Knoll

	AB	R	H
Hunsinger	4	2	0
Picariello	4	2	1
Concannon	5	1	3
Zimmer	4	0	1
Felix	5	3	2
Ferguson	4	0	2
O'Brien	3	0	2
Cloyd	2	1	1
Foy	0	0	0
Williams	3	1	1

#### Camp Knight

	AB	R	H
Woods	5	2	1
Robinson	4	2	3
Thomas	5	0	1
Frazier	5	3	3
Brown	5	0	1
Hall	4	0	0
Bonman	4	0	1
Drake	4	1	0
Barnett	3	1	2

	R	H
C. Knight	10	30
O. Knoll	31	12

### Lose to Moffatt Field 11-5

By way of contrast, the Pirates traveled to Moffatt Field on Monday, July 23, and dropped a loose and poorly played 12th Naval District League game by a 11 to 5 score.

Felix pitched the entire game and was handicapped by the leaky defense put up by his mates. In a previous game with the Moffatt Field outfit played on June 16, Oak Knoll emerged the victor 6-2.

On the rocky surface of Castle-mont High School's athletic field Oak Knoll's high flying softballers took an abrupt tumble in the face of the efforts of the tenacious lads from San Leandro. The game was played Friday, July 20, and the final score was 3-2.

### Unable to Stem Rally

The Hilltoppers came up for their cut in the last of the seventh, losing 2 to 0 and when the inning ended they had a clean-cut victory to their credit. With two runs already across the plate, Parkinson relieved Heinz in a vain effort to stem the tide. Two walks and a passed ball and it was all over for the valleyemen.

#### Oak Knoll

	AB	R	H
Rosenberger	2	1	1
Postula	3	0	0
Concannon	3	0	1
Kieswater	1	1	1
O'Brien	1	0	0
Ferguson	3	0	0
Lindsey	2	0	1
Rapp	3	0	1
North	3	0	1
Heinz	2	0	0
Parkinson	0	0	0

#### San Leandro

	AB	R	H
Peterson	3	0	1
Joy	3	1	0
Anderson	2	1	1
Tubaugh	3	0	0
Addis	3	0	1
Heible	1	1	0
DeSimone	2	0	0
Hagerman	3	0	0
Gilmore	2	0	0
Alameda	2	0	0

	R	H
Oak Knoll	01	00
San Leandro	00	00

## Sports Day for Waves Planned for August 12

A Sports Day for Wave personnel in the Twelfth Naval District is planned for August 12 from 1300 to 2000 at Naval Air Station, Alameda. Each Wave must bring her own bathing suit, towel and cap if she plans to enter swimming events or the splash party.

Competition will be held in the following events: Softball, tennis singles, doubles, badminton singles, badminton doubles.

Swimming events include: Free style relay (3), back stroke 50 yds., medley relay (3), breast stroke 50 yds., free style 50 yds.

All Waves wishing to enter into this competition, please contact Welfare and Recreation before 30 July, 1945.

## Wave Softball League Opener Is Cancelled

The first game of the Twelfth Naval District Women's Softball League was cancelled due to the fact that the visiting team was unable to arrive in time. However, it was announced by Miss MacLaughlin, Lt. (jg) of Welfare and Recreation, that the game will be played here Monday, August 20.

Many other good games are scheduled for the ball diamond here, so be sure to consult the schedule for coming games.

## Modeling New Duds



Shown above is attractive Kathryn Reichenbach Sp(A)2c, captain of the Wave Softball Team, giving a prevue of the new uniforms. They not only permit greater freedom of motion, but are definitely ornamental. Made of pastel shades of sea sand and blue, they are the smartest attires we have seen on the diamond this season.

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penbertby



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Kibby: Give me a thousand ham-burgers.  
Waitress: One thousand?  
Kibby: Oh, don't worry. I'm not going to eat all of 'em. My pal Bohm is outside.

## SCHEDULE OF WOMEN'S SOFTBALL GAMES

### On Compound

Friday, 27 July—1700.  
Red Cross vs. Cadets.  
Monday, 30 July—1800  
Waves vs. Waves N. S. D.  
District Game.  
Wednesday, 1 Aug.—1700  
Waves vs. Nurses.  
Office Civilians vs. Cadets.  
Friday, 3 Aug.—1800  
Red Cross vs. Office Waves.  
Monday, 6 Aug.—1800  
Waves vs. Camp Park Waves.  
District Game.  
Friday, 10 Aug.—1700  
Cadets vs. Nurses.  
Waves vs. Red Cross.





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## 19 Honored At Citations

In another of the colorful Citations Ceremonies held on Gendreau Circle 12 sailors and seven marines were honored on Saturday, July 28. Captain A. H. Dearing made the presentations with Captain Reynolds, Executive Officer, reading the citations.

### Bleau Gets Navy Cross

Receiving the Navy Cross was Pfc. Calvin J. Bleau for his extraordinary heroism on Iwo Jima in action against the enemy. Still confined to a wheel chair as a result of a mortar shrapnel wound, Bleau was credited with destroying five Jap pillboxes.

Cpl. Tommy T. Morgan received the Silver Star and Gold Star in lieu of a second Purple Heart. Awarded the Silver Star were Cpl. Ralph E. Phillips, HA1c Charles H. Maxcey, Pfc. Rubin C. Hawkins, and Sgt. Edward D. Jones.

The Bronze Star went to Lt. Cmdr. Carl L. Estes, Pl. Sgt. George T. Allen, HA1c William Miller, S1c Elmer Otis Bentley, and Pfc James A. Lytton.

Pharm. Chester M. Belt, on the staff in Commissary 1, received the Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

The following men were honored with Presidential Unit Citations: M1c Albert J. Haywood, HA1c Dave J. Perry, PhM1c Stanley H. Nager, AS James W. Noble, S1c Paul J. Eisenmann, PhM1c James G. Layton, and S1c Wilbur G. Seibert.

## Overseas Orders Come To Three Key Officers

Three of Oak Knolls key officers received their orders detaching them as of July 30.

Ch. Pharm. H. E. Van Hoorebeck, Personnel Officer, will report aboard the "USS Boxer" (CV) for further duty. Lt. D. A. Robichau (HC) USN will report to the Commandant, 14th Naval District at Pearl Harbor, T. H. for further assignment. Lt. C. L. Bendickson (DC) will go aboard the "USS Eurayle" (AS22) as the Dental Corps Officer in charge.

To these men who have played such an active part in the development of Oak Knoll we say good luck and thanks.

## What the Well-Dressed Softball Player Is Wearing



Pictured above are members of Oak Knoll's up-and-coming Wave Softball Team sporting their spanking new uniforms. First row, left to right: Marjorie Catland, Grace Thompson, Della Huls, Lena Merto, Mary McNally, Shirley Suter, Helen Friske, Phillis Hilborne (Co-Captain). Second row: Eldh Page, Ens. Daly, Lt. (jg) McLaughlin (Coach), Minnette Ware, Katherine Freeburger, Katherine Reichenbach (Captain), Jean Dennison. Also members of the team but not shown are Ganor Minot, Patricia Smith, and Ann Taylor.

## Maritime Offers Jobs to PHM'S

Maritime Service officials have offered qualified Navy pharmacists' mates who have been or are about to be discharged an opportunity to apply for billets now open in shore establishments of the War Shipping Administration within the continental limits.

Being sought are pharmacists' mates first, second and third class. They will receive the same ratings under the War Shipping Administration and will be paid, in addition to subsistence and quarters, according to the following scale:

Pharmacists' mates, first class, \$160.20 monthly; pharmacists' mates, second class, \$134.40 monthly; pharmacists' mates, third class, \$109.20 monthly.

Where subsistence and quarters are not available on the station, an allowance of \$90 monthly will be granted. In addition, all longevity rights accumulated during Navy service are applicable to War shipping Administration.

## Waves Carve Birthday Cake On Third Anniversary

Three candles topped the huge birthday cake cut in the Auditorium last Monday night, July 30, when our Waves celebrated the third anniversary of the founding of the Women's Reserve. A large crowd was on hand to celebrate the birthday party, to get a slice of the cake, and to dance to the gay music of the Rhythm Doctors.

### Veterans Honored

Presiding at the cake cutting and singled out for honors were the Oak Knoll Waves with the longest records of service. These old Navy hands symbolized for all the splendid job the Waves have done in the war.

Lt. Helen Campbell of Garden City, California, who joined the Navy in September, 1942, ranks first in longevity among Oak Knoll's Waves. Five other officers who participated in the event were Lt. (jg) Helen I. Block; Lt. (jg) Elizabeth Gerard; Lt. (jg) Mary Serroca, all in service since December, 1942; and Lt. Katherine V. Hyde, who joined in February, 1943.

PhM 3/c Ann Slovic of Bakersfield, California heads the list for enlisted personnel. Her boot camp days began in December, 1942. PhM 3/c Mary E. Cerny, PhM 1/c Katherine F. Dean, PhM 1/c Inez M. Pruitt, and HA 1/c Mildred L. Smith, all of whom have been in service since January, 1943, are also included among the "old-timers" now stationed at Oak Knoll.

Arrangements for the dance were made by Club No. 13, Oakland Navy Mothers, with Mrs. Helen Whipple in charge.

## New Records Added to Music Room Repertoire

The Music Lovers Nook in the Ships Service Building, where you can have your favorite recording played on one of the finest tone-tested electrical phonographs in the Navy, has informed *The Oak Leaf* that many new recordings are expected to arrive this week.

The new hours for this recreation facility are 0900 to 1100 and 1300 to 1500 daily.

## Recent Bond Sale Earns Tribute

For its splendid support of the recently completed Independence Day Cash War Bond Sale, Oak Knoll has received a commendation from Admiral Wright, Commandant of the Twelfth Naval District. The commendation reads as follows:

"The results of the subject bond sale whereby the personnel of your command accounted for sales of \$49,000 is an excellent record.

"It is gratifying to note so many individuals have realized the importance of adding to the regular payroll savings for their own future financial security. Since the subject drive concluded the Navy's cash campaigns, future emphasis will be placed on encouraging investments in War Bonds through the civilian payroll deduction plan and the military allotment plan.

"It is desired to commend you, Lt. W. D. A. Robichau, USN, and the War Bond workers, for a job well done."



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## • Congratulations to Our Waves

The Navy's congratulations goes to the Waves on the occasion of their third anniversary. Born a short three years ago, they now number 82,000 and all of them are doing man-sized jobs at more than 500 shore establishments. Oak Knoll's Waves have amply demonstrated this fact and to them in particular go our thanks for jobs well done.

## • Happy Birthday, Coast Guard!

The United States Coast Guard, oldest commissioned service in the nation, and the most modest and least publicized of our defense forces, will celebrate its 155th birthday on 4 August in a way the Japs won't like. Out in the far Pacific invasion fronts Coast Guardsmen will commemorate the occasion with renewed blows at the enemy.

Their major assignments on the European front finished, they will mark another year of putting their fighting surfer's skill into difficult amphibious landing operations against the Japanese; manning troop, assault and supply ships; performing escort and convoy duties. Withal, they're not neglecting their traditional peacetime activities of protecting life and property on the seacoasts and waterways, or their vital wartime assignment on Port Security. Possibly no other single fighting force in the world has as many widespread and varied activities.

The Coast Guard is continuing to write a brilliant chapter in combat zones. In every major invasion since the sneak Jap attack on December 7th, 1941—be it North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Normandy, Guadalcanal, Tarawa, Leyte, Iwo Jima or Okinawa—fighting men with "USCG" emblazoned across their steel helmets have manned tiny landing craft darting from giant transports to enemy shores.

With a minimum of fanfare, the Coast Guard has performed its important wartime services. Few know that this was the first American service to take German prisoners in this war; that a Coast Guardsman, helping in the rescue of Marines trapped behind enemy lines at Guadalcanal, won the Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously; that a Coast Guardsman was responsible for the capture of the saboteurs who landed on Long Island from a Nazi submarine; that a Coast Guard "Splinter Fleet"—made up of small 83-footers originally designed for inshore patrol—rescued more than 800 survivors of ships blasted by enemy fire at Normandy.

To help in Port Security activities, thousands of patriotic Americans answered the call and enlisted in the Coast Guard Auxiliary and the Temporary Reserve, performing tasks formerly done by regular Coast Guardsmen, releasing these men for combat duty at sea. Ten thousand women have donned the silver shield as members of the Coast Guard Spars.

Today, the 170,000 men and women wearing the Coast Guard shield on their right forearm have earned commendations from ranking Army, Navy and Marine Corps officers, and from Government, state and municipal officials. Under its vigorous commandant, Admiral Russell R. Waesche, the Coast Guard is truly living up to its name, "Semper Paratus, Always Ready."

## Welcome Aboard, Shipmates!

Forty-seven new faces were added to the Oak Knoll family this week when a new group arrived from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, California. To these men we say "Welcome."

Robert Vernon Althaus, Jr., Carl Rydberg Amick, Albert "E." Atkinson, Jr., Ronald Dean Badger, Frankie Lee Bloss, Francis Martin Boyle, Salvatore Cardinelli, Donald Paul Casper, John Curtis Chambers, Jr., Norman Cook, Robert Paul Detrick, James Devine, Mathew Anthony Di Carlo, Richard Otto Ehlers, Robert George Friesen, Richard James Gerth, Harold Francis Gilbert, Jack Elmore Glover, Gordon Keith Goodno, Volis Hall, Jr., Leon Wren Hartman, Jr., Frank Peter Hayteas, Robert William Hennegen, Jordan Marshall Iserman, "L" Coy Jewkes, George John Kamia, Richard Thure Lawson, Manuel

## More Gasoline!

Washington news dispatches report that effective August 3, enlisted men will be allowed 30 gallons of gasoline at the time of their discharge from the service.

Amado Martinez, Ralph Earl McKowan, Henry Morales, Reo Stuart Morrison, William Edward Mulkeen, John Edwin O'Hara, Harry David Peters, Lu Deal Peterson, Marshall Henry Peterson, John George Petti, Jr., George John Rudolph, Rodney Haynes Rupert, Glenn Burnett Schroeder, Howard Allison Snook, Leonard Leon Stimmel, George Robert Strohm, Harry March Tallman, Gordon Keith Tietz, Charles Emerson Treat, Leon Sidney Whaley.

After the short course of indoctrination required by BuMed these men will be eligible to apply for technician schools as well as other special training programs.

For definite information regarding compound activities consult the bulletin board often. Smooth sailing to all hands.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### The Value of a Good Name

In this contemporary age of spiritual darkness and moral indifference, very few people cherish either a good name or an honest reputation. With the vast majority of people the paramount thing is to accumulate great wealth and power unscrupulously, to gratify one's desires to the fullest extent, regardless of what the cost may be as concerns their good name. We read of mothers and fathers deserting their children for a few brief moments of selfish pleasure, of married couples not hesitating to besmirch one another's characters and reputation in the divorce mills of this country, of 'teen age victory girls dragging into the gutter family names. In the business world in spite of the critical needs of the armed forces, black markets flourish very widely. The honor of the family, the reputation of the business firm, the good name of the individual, are no longer sacred.

In the service one is apt to forget the importance of having a clean record. Those shipmates who have been in the longest know that each man's future is largely determined by his past record—that usually when the opportunity for advancement in rate or rank presents itself, the fortunate few are those who have maintained a 4.0 record in conduct. Many a man has seen the dream of a lifetime fade away into oblivion because of his past record. Although men sometimes thoughtlessly say they would be willing to take a BCD in order to get out of the service, these very same shipmates are very proud of the uniform which they wear, and actually would consider nothing short of an Honorable Discharge. There is no surer way of getting that coveted position in civilian circles than in having an Honorable Discharge.

In the service as well as in civilian life, a man's reputation is one of his priceless possessions. In Shakespeare's "Othello," Cassio, realizing what his folly has cost him, cries out: "Reputation, reputation, reputation. O, I have lost my reputation. I have lost the immortal part of myself, and what remains is bestial."

We should never forget that in our reputation and good name are involved the good name and reputation of our family, our Country, and our God. We should remember the words of Solomon: "A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches."

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen, E. A. Day.  
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.  
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
L. D. S. (Mormon), All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons.  
Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
Confessions Before all Masses.  
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 201.  
Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



Our Doctor



Cmdr. Harold R. Merwarth, MC, USNR, Chief of Neuropsychiatric Service

Cmdr. Merwarth, twinkling-eyed, smiling, friendly and reserved, reported to this hospital as Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service on April 16, 1945. He was born on January 13, 1895 in Easton, Pa., but has made his home in Brooklyn, New York, for the past 20 years. He is married and has one son, sixteen year old "Jimmy," who was a popular figure around the swimming pool last summer.

Graduate of Harvard

Dr. Merwarth is a graduate of Lehigh University, Pa., Class of 1917, and Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Mass., 1921. It was while attending Lehigh University that he received the nickname "Zyb," a contraction of "Zybysco," a Polish wrestler of note in those days. Following graduation from medical school he spent two years internship at the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, New York, and two additional years as resident in Neuropsychiatry at the Neurological Institute, N. Y.

A Pre-War Professor

In civilian life he practiced in Brooklyn, New York, specializing in neuropsychiatry. His teaching experience includes that of Clinical Professor of Neurology at the School of Medicine, New York University. At the time he was called to duty he was Director of Neuropsychiatry at the Kings County Hospital, Brooklyn, the Methodist, and the Brooklyn Hospitals. In addition he was consultant to many hospitals in that area.

He is a member of the New

SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

- Time: 0900.
- Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.
- For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.
- 7 August—Lecture and Discussion: "Office Equipment Sales and Service." Mr. J. B. Van Fossem, (Merritt Business School).
- 8 August—Round Table Discussion with supplementary film: "Starting Right with Bees." Mr. Dan L. Hopkins, Mr. Clark H. Rogers, (Oakland Bee Keeping Assn.).
- 9 August — Round Table Series: "United Nations vs. League of Nations." Lt. J. C. Payne, (Ed. Services). Movie: "Causes and Effects of World War I."
- 10 August—Lecture and Discussion with supplementary film: "The Forestry Profession." Prof. Myron Krueger, (Univ. of Calif.).

York Academy of Medicine, New York Neurological Society, the American College of Physicians, American Psychiatric Association, and Association for Research in Nervous and Mental Diseases.

A veteran of World War I, Dr. Merwarth is also a Naval Reserve officer of over ten years' standing. Call to active duty on December 29, 1941, took him to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., where he was Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service until April 1, 1944. Upon completion of his tour of duty in New York, he reported to USNH, Oakland on April 16, 1944.

Is Administrative Whiz

Being of an administrative mind, he has the vital statistics of his department on the tip of his tongue, or at least within a flick of his eyebrows, at all times. Utilizing the wall space in his office, he has contrived a "stock market" arrangement whereby an up-to-date record is kept of every patient on his Service. He can tell you how many patients are on each ward, their diagnoses and date of admission, how many have been presented before a Board of Medical Survey, the daily census, total

WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Pretty Maxine Copeland of San Francisco is the girl worth fighting for in the opinion of Allen D. "Randy" Hurst, a patient on ward 44B. A Radioman third class, Randy was on an LCVP at Iwo Jima when he was hit.

of unoccupied beds, amount of surveys written to date during current month, and number of patients invalidated from the N. P. Service—all with the greatest of alacrity.

Often he may be seen trudging from one corner of the compound to another to preside as Senior Member at his Survey Board meetings. On days when the fog hangs low he could well make use of a direction finder and mountain boots to scale the heights which take him to the 81's and 83's.

Being chairman of committees seems to be a business with the popular Commander. As head of

the Medical Library Committee, he has worked to provide a library which may be used to great advantage by all staff members. As chairman of the Historical Committee he is at present compiling a detailed and accurate history of this hospital.

Author, as well as doctor, he has written numerous papers. Philately and ship modeling are his hobbies. He is a ping pong enthusiast, and on the baseball diamond he is a "natural." A popular, hard-working person is Comdr. Merwarth, and indisputably, he is one of the leading contributors to the smooth-functioning of Oak Knoll.





## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Hospital Has the Answer When Stork Arrives Early

Mr. Stork picks 'em up and lays 'em down but never is his accuracy more "dead-eye Dick" than when he deposits babies at Oak Knoll. The baby department here has an enviable record, for out of over 3500 babies born only 17 babies who came into the world alive have died and only one mother (she was a bleeder). When you realize that the mothers come from near and far, sometimes with little or no pre-natal care, the record is even more wonderful.

## Dr. Dorr Assists Stork

Under the able direction of Doctor E. Dorr and his capable assistants (or if you prefer it, Mr. Stork) the babies are delivered sometimes under breath-taking conditions. Once delivered they are turned over to the senior pediatricist, Doctor Rew, whose eagle eye checks their feeding and care.

Premature babies are another problem; if you don't think so or haven't noticed it before, just consult any daily "Serious List" and see the long list of "preemies." Preemies or incubator babies, like orchids, live under glass in an air-conditioned nursery. They live on human milk, usually given by an eye-dropper, or upon some suitable substitute. They require oxygen, too, since their lungs are not fully ready to function. Babies born within a month or two of full term delivery stand a good chance of living, but for babies born earlier than this, the prospects of survival are slim. Mrs. Chavarria's baby was just such a one.

## Mother Had Pyelitis

On Friday, June 29, 1945, Mrs. Frances Chavarria was admitted to Ward 69A, with a diagnosis of pyelitis (kidney infection to you and me, and according to the dictionary). Mrs. Chavarria complained of pains in her sides and in her back and reported that she had had chills and fever for five days. She expected a "blessed event" in about 3½ months and as babies usually take nine months (as all will agree who have had 'em) the immediate consideration was treatment of Mrs. Chavarria's pyelitis. This treatment was continued until the third day after her arrival and the patient seemed to be making good progress, for her temperature dropped to normal.

At 1:35 a. m. on the morning of the fourth day, Mrs. Chavarria told the nurse that she thought that something was happening. Thinking at this stage was an understatement, for practically without warning, and within fifteen minutes from the time Mrs. Chavarria first noted that something was amiss, she produced a baby boy, Rudy, in ward 69A. The

record says that Rudy, despite his youth and inexperience, gave out with a good hearty cry.

## Weights 2 Lbs. 9 Oz.

Doctor Dorr just made it (no doubt by running up the hill). He grabbed the tiny mite, wrapped it in a towel and made (this may be a record sprint) for the eye-dropper department of the U. S. Naval Hospital. Once there Doctor Dorr placed his charge, Rudy, in the preemie nursery. Having done so, he no doubt took a long breath to regain his composure, for the baby that he had just presented to that God-sent device for prematures, the incubator, weighed only two pounds and nine ounces! Surely this was something for the records! Mrs. Chavarria also completed the business of having a baby in what must constitute a record delivery and an envy of every new or old mother.

The speed of delivery was secondary, because the baby surprised all and sundry by surviving! The baby boy of Mrs. Chavarria, Rudy, at the present writing only awaits the time when he will weigh five pounds so that he may leave his orchid-like incubator, his eye-dropper et al., and take to the world as a normal, proper, grown-up regulation bottle-fed baby, complete with a man-size formula. Scuttlebutt has it that Rudy is slightly bored with this eye-dropper existence and is raring to do what the other fellows are doing—go home! But he still has a way to go, since he hasn't quite regained his birth weight.

## Arrival Sets Record

Shouldn't someone do a little research on just what Mrs. Chavarria did or didn't do when she was carrying young Rudy? Or at least look into the possible advantages of having a mild case of pyelitis? Well, it was just a thought and no offense meant. To have a baby in 15 minutes is no mean feat but the fact that the five and a half months' baby lived is an achievement. And thanks to the Waves, Nurses and Doctors of the Maternity Wards at the U. S. Naval Hospital, little Rudy is alive and raring to go.

It won't be long before he is on the calling list of the Navy Relief Nurse, who visits each mother and baby after their return home and advises in regard to feeding problems and infant care.

Running after women never hurt anybody. . . It's catching them that does the damage.

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"I'm telling you for the last time that you can't kiss me."

"Fine! I knew you would weaken sooner or later."

# Is This The Next Invasion Front?



Along the 1,000-mile sweep of coast which extends from Canton northward to Shanghai are several ports of world importance, now under enemy control. But Japanese penetration is only skin deep, extending no farther inland than the waning power of the Nipponese navy. A few miles from the port garrisons the Chinese retain control. Some sizable reaches of the coast between ports are free of the invader. The coast, however, is broken up by thousands of islands. Typhoons often range and monsoons blow all year. Hong Kong lies about the same latitude as Havana, and Shanghai is no further north than Savannah, Ga.

## Ch. Pharm. Walker New Staff Personnel Officer

Ch. Pharm. Newland B. Walker, USN, has assumed the duties of Staff Personnel Officer here. Well known and liked by all of the staff members of the hospital who knew him as a patient here, he was admitted from the "USS Langfitt" (APA 151) on January 23, 1945.

Mr. Walker is married and a Texan by birth, hailing from Athens, Texas, where he played basketball with the National High School team for two years. He entered the service in 1934, attending Hospital Corps School at San Diego.

## Lt. Gustafson Added To Phys. Tr. Staff

Lt. B. L. Gustafson has replaced Lt. (jg) Holzaepfel, detached, in the Physical Training Department. Mr. Gustafson reported from USN Hospital, Santa Cruz, Calif., where he was Physical Training Officer following a tour of duty at Farragut, Idaho, and Rehabilitation Physical Training School, Sampson, N. Y. He is a graduate of Leland Stanford University with a major in Physical Education. Welcome aboard, Lt. Gustafson.

## Parade Rest

The Detachment welcomed aboard First Sergeant Clifford Jones and Platoon Sergeant Robert D. Cary for duty on the Marine Staff.

Congratulations to Milton Randolph and Howard Dawson of the Pay Office, who were promoted to the rank of Technical Sergeant, but still no cigars.

The Detachment said so long to Gunnery Sergeant Sam Ferrantino, who was transferred to Mare Island for duty. Sergeant Ferrantino was the very well liked Drill Instructor and also the reporter of the Parade Rest column. I am sure the Nurses and the Cadet Nurses will miss his beaming countenance.

Warrant Officer C. B. "Gunner" Branson was welcomed aboard by the Detachment Thursday for a visit.

When a lady returned from Big Moose,

Her husband exclaimed, "What the deuce!

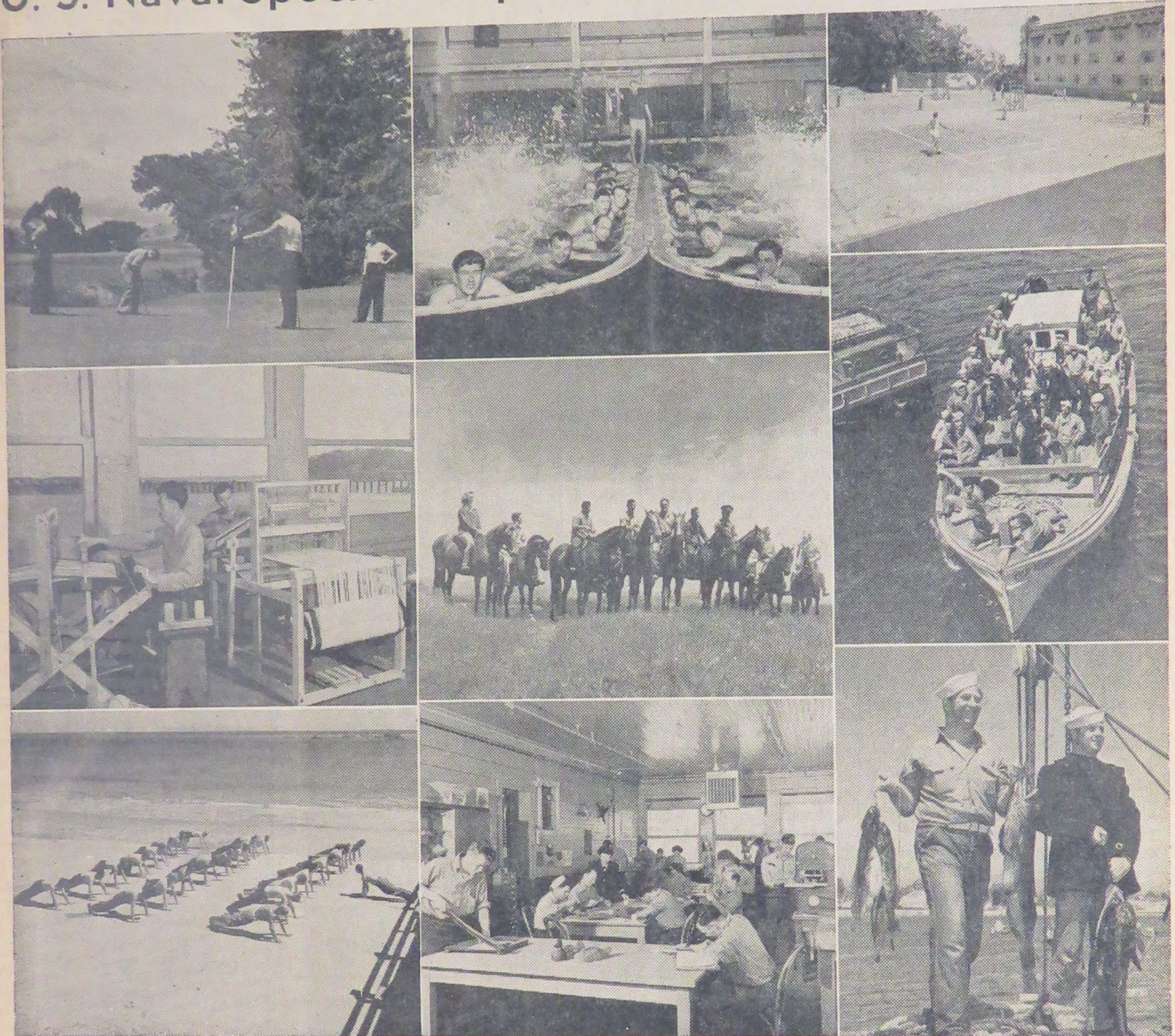
I am quite reconciled To the call of the wild, But where did you get that papoose?"



Saturday, 4 August, 1945

# So You're Transferring to Santa Cruz!

## U. S. Naval Special Hospital Offers Variety of Activities



Upper left: The Pasatiempo Golf Club does a big business with convalescing servicemen; upper center: The huge salt water pool; upper right: A tennis court scene. In the center, from left to right, are shown rehabilitation in the form of weaving and recreation in the form of horseback riding and deep-sea fishing. At bottom are shown exercises on the beach, the pursuit of hobbies, and two happy fishermen with their day's haul.

So you are off to Santa Cruz to convalesce at the U. S. Naval Special Hospital! Where is it and what is it like?

When you leave Oakland you will travel 80 miles southeast from San Francisco until you reach the north shore of Monterey Bay. Santa Cruz is 30 miles from San Jose, 20 miles from Watsonville and 40 miles from Monterey and Salinas.

### Is Vacation Spot

The city has a normal population of about 17,500 but being a popular vacation center, large numbers of people from the San Joaquin Valley and San Francisco Bay area inhabit it during the summer months—particularly from May 30, on which date the beach formally opens, until Labor Day,

when it formally closes. During the past two years a large part of the beach facilities have been opened the year round.

The hospital itself is ideally located near the Santa Cruz beach across the street from the Santa Cruz Beach Casino and Boardwalk. The hospital grounds are beautified and to the rear there is an enclosed space of lawn and flowering plants known as the Spanish Gardens, where sun bathing and recreational facilities are available (see cuts).

### Every Night Liberty

The average patient's stay at USNSH, Santa Cruz, is six to eight weeks. Liberty is granted from 1630 daily until 0800 the following morning, and on weekends 72-hour liberty from 1100 Friday to

0800 Monday; 48-hour liberty from 1000 Saturday to 0800 Monday. (Greyhound bus service is available to all of the above-mentioned localities.)

On the compound of USNSH, Santa Cruz, you will find a year-round 154' by 65' salt water pool; three hard surface championship tennis courts; a softball diamond; two croquet courts; a complete gymnasium; two grass volleyball courts; badminton and handball courts; horseshoe pits and one 18-hole miniature golf course. On four nights a week entertainment and motion picture programs are conducted.

### Fishing, Riding Popular

One of the most popular of activities is hunting finny denizens from the deep-sea fishing boat

which makes cruises twice weekly. Land trips are also arranged weekly to Mystery Spot and to the Santa Cruz Redwoods. Horseback riding is available to patients at the Pogonip Polo Club and golf may be played daily at the Pasatiempo Golf Club.

Your stay at USNSH, Santa Cruz, will seem to be of brief duration, but you will find that you have gained weight, a healthier color, a sparkle in your eye and a swing in your stride when you leave!

### ATTENTION, WARD NURSES

This is the first of a series of articles to appear in "THE OAK LEAF" featuring various naval hospitals. It is suggested that a file of copies be maintained in your office for the benefit of patients who will be transferred.



## BASE NOTES

★ **HA1c Jane Lusk** married **PhM 2c Kenneth Hooper** (Dental Lab) in a formal wedding held in the Little Chapel on the Knoll, here on the compound Friday, July 27. They left at once to honeymoon at Santa Cruz by the sea for five days.

★ **Balin**, of Welfare and Recreation, says that if the transportation situation does not get better, his ulcers will never improve.

★ **HA1c Bob Gross**, who has been confined to a bed in 41B for over two months as the result of an accident while returning from a weekend liberty, was able to get out in the sun via a wheel chair this week. Nice going, Bob. Hurry up and get well.

★ In our opinion **Sid Huskins** (Main Gate), walks a long way to stand in the chow line with that certain party.

★ **Sight Of The Week:** The Wave and Corpsman who play big league horse-shoe games between wards 70B-70A during the noon hour—they're improving, too.

★ The many friends of **HA1c Mary Grunhurd** (Lab tech.) got together a nice little going away party in her honor Tuesday, July 31. She is going on leave August 4 to her home in Bellingham, Wash., from which she will report to a port of embarkation for duty in Hawaii.

★ **PhM3c Mandell** (Main Gate) is dickering for a MMA badge—he seems to think it necessary to enforce the station order of squaring hats and having cuffs buttoned when going on liberty.

★ **Lt. (jg) Goodman** (NNC) signed a lifetime contract to honor and obey with **CMM Ayres**, formerly a patient here, who is now bucking life in the outside world as a civilian.

★ Western Union girls in the Ship's Service Building see a lot of faces during a day, but I'm told that one face that is really missed these days is **PhM3c Remo**, who is away on a patient draft.

★ Another venture into matrimony began July 31 when **PhM3c Mary Powell** permitted **PhM3c William T. Kerr** to slip the ring on her finger in a simple wedding attended by close friends. **Kerr** will report to Shoemaker August 1 for assignment overseas.

★ The boys on outside detail are wondering where **Natalie Paul** got her poison oak. They thought they mowed down all the poison oak in California this spring.

★ **Buelah Countryman** received a pleasant surprise July 4 (her birthday). It was a huge birthday cake from the folks at home in Terry, Montana, measuring five inches high and sixteen inches across midship. Congratulations.

★ **PhM3c Wheatly** (I. D. Dept.) says he has not got the word yet . . . can someone help him out?

★ **Sue Zachau** (Bag Room) and **Mitchell** of 75B are reported to be conferring on some very important matters.

★ **Mystery Of The Week:** Who has the porcupine quills used by a certain girl friend of a very well known Oak Knoller in her playful assault on Weitzen in the beautiful Lake Tahoe region last weekend? (Calling Minor Surgery, Dr. Kildare, call Minor Surgery!)

★ **Mrs. Vicellio** (Minnie) civilian in charge of the laundry, reports that she is leaving for a three months leave of absence, her first in thirty months. She also states that she will have all her laundry sent out, as she does not want to see a washing machine from here on out.

★ **Ens. Brown** (NNC), in charge of Naval Personnel at the laundry, states that **Mr. Ercanbrack** will replace **Mrs. Vicellio** as Chief of Laundry. To him we say welcome aboard. **Mr. Ercanbrack** was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps, on July 1, 1945.

★ **White and Steinkamp** on Main Gate nights are really going all out for buddy, buddy week. They not only work together, but have just consolidated their two families and moved into a nice new house in San Lorenzo Village.

Bride: Darling, what's troubling you? You look so depressed. Remember that now your worries are our worries.

Groom: Oh, very well. I've just had a letter from a girl in New York and she's suing us for breach of promise.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Curran—"Rose Marie," 8:30 p.m.  
Geary—"The Bad Man," with Leo Carrillo. Begins Thurs., Aug. 9, 8:30 p.m.  
Green Street Music Hall—"The Drunkard," 8:30 p.m.  
Opera House—Russian Ballet, Aug. 5 to 11 at 8:30 p.m.  
Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 8 p.m.  
Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

#### Cinema

Paramount—"Wilson," Academy Award.  
United Artists—"Colonel Blimp."

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows:  
"Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

DeYoung Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.  
Wild Life Exhibit—7th and Market.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.  
De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and servicemen. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.

Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Cinema

Fox-Oakland—"The Picture of Dorian Gray," George Sanders.  
Paramount—"Wilson," Academy Award winner.

#### Joaquin Miller Park

Woodminster Amphitheater—California Folk Dance Federation, Sunday, Aug. 5, 4 p.m. Free. Friday, Aug. 10, 8 p.m., Lucia Di Lammermoor, Pacific Opera Co.

#### Mills College

Lisser Hall—Budapest String Quartet, Aug. 8, 8:15 p.m. Admission \$1.25. Spanish film, "Casa Pan Americana," 8 p.m. Admission.

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wd., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Tennis Courts—All day.

#### Observatory

Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. 4-1561.

#### Municipal Auditorium

Arena—Wrestling, Friday, 8 p.m. Boxing, Wednesday, 8 p.m. (Free tickets, set up in Recreation Office).  
Theatre—"10 Little Indians," Aug. 8, 9.

### BERKELEY

University of California—Institute Music Series at Wheeler Auditorium, Aug. 13, 8 p.m. Ferenc Molnar, violinist; Carl Fuerstner, pianist. Adm. 50c.

## ON THE COMPOUND

#### Cinema (Auditorium)

Saturday, Aug. 4—"Rise and Shine," J. Oakie.  
Sunday, Aug. 5—"Story of G. I. Joe," Burgess Meredith.  
Monday, Aug. 6—"Thoroughbreds," Roy Pryor.  
Tuesday, Aug. 7—"Incendiary Blonde," Betty Hutton.  
Wednesday, Aug. 8—"Wildfire," Betty Steele.  
Thursday, Aug. 9—"The Man Who Walks Alone," Kay Aldrich.  
Friday, Aug. 10—"Her Highness and the Bell Boy," Hedy Lamar and Robert Walker.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards may be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1800 groups meet at the Bowling Alley minutes before the scheduled time riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sunday, at the following times:  
Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

#### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730—Till Secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730—Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.  
1500—Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

### Visiting Hours

Enlisted, Officer, and Civilian Personnel are permitted visitors from 1300 to 1600 every day and from 1900 to 2030 on Wednesdays. There are no visiting hours on Sunday nights. In the event that a patient is on the critical or serious list, next of kin will be permitted to visit at any time between 0800 and 2000.

### BUS SCHEDULE

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

## Club Sews 500,000th Bandage



Captain A. H. Dearing and Mrs. David D. Howe look on with approval as Mrs. John L. McLeod and Mrs. Frank Clark Hewitt of the Oakland Women's Athletic Club pack the 500,000th sewed bandage completed for use in treatment of war-wounded men. On the same occasion Red Cross workers at the club observed the completion of their 3,000,000th rolled bandage.



## Corpsmen Ready for Sea Duty—1917 Style



Oak Knoller Nelson is fifth from left in this picture of World War I Gobs.

PhM1c Ormand Nelson recently added to the staff of Oak Knoll, is a well liked and hard working fellow assigned to Outside Detail, but through *The Oak Leaf* research department we have dug up some interesting facts concerning Nelson.

### Off the Bookshelf

New books in the Hospital Library, which will take you far away in time or place, are as follows:

#### General Science

Sears: *This Is Our World*. (A study of the effect of nature on human life, cleverly illustrated.)

#### Personal History

Eskelund: *My Chinese Wife*. (Story of a cabin boy who becomes a newspaper reporter, and marries a beautiful Chinese.)

Jefferson: *Jefferson Himself*. (Excerpts from Jefferson's writings, arranged to form an autobiography.)

Padover: *Jefferson*.

#### Places

Binns: *The Roaring Land*. (An attractive book on Washington state.)

Hamlin: *Nine-mile Bridge*; three years in the Maine woods.

Parton: *Laughter on the Hill*. (A gossip account of life on San Francisco's Telegraph Hill.)

#### South America

Fernandez Artucio: *The Nazi Underground in South America*.

Rippy: *Latin America and the Industrial Age*.

Stuart: *Latin America and the United States*.

Zweig: *Brazil*.

Ybarra: *America Faces South*. (By the author of *Young Man of Caracas*.)

In addition, the library has new copies of a dozen of the most popular of Erle Stanley Gardner's mysteries and also of Zane Grey's westerns.

Library hours: 0900-2100 daily; 1200-2100 Sunday.

He has the distinction of being a member of the first graduating class of the Hospital Corps School (USNR) at Yerba Buena in June, 1917. Nelson recalls that the course covered a period of six weeks, most of which was spent in actual hospital work at Goat Island.

After completing Corps School he was sent to New York where he boarded the first Hospital Ship, the "USS Mercy," which was formerly the "USS Saratoga," converted from a New York to Cuba mail packet. It took the first of General Pershing's troops to France, acting as a troop transport going and as a hospital ship returning.

Nelson saw duty at Base Hospital No. 5 in Brest, France, and he was one of the men assigned to the confiscated German luxury liner "Imperator" (sister ship of the "Leviathan") which carried a crew of 2300 plus 10,000 troops and 500 nurses.

Nelson returned to the service December 8, 1941, and saw action in many major Pacific engagements until a few months ago, when he returned stateside to assume duties here at Oak Knoll. Nelson has seen a lot of changes made in the Corps since those hectic days at Corps School in 1917, but he agrees that they are all for the best.

## Handicapped Patient Finds Way To Post-War Security Here

S1c Leland N. Fox is proving that physical handicaps need not retard progress along mechanical lines. Each morning he may be found practicing in the Ed. Serv. Basic radio code laboratory, which is located in the Prevocational Training Bldg. He is being taught by patient K. O. Blackburn, RM 3/c from Ward 64B, who in pre-war days was head silver man for a furniture firm in Portland, Oregon.

Patient Fox, whose right arm and hand are in a cast due to paralysis of the radial and median nerves as a result of being hit by an enemy bullet while manning a .20 mm. machine gun on an armed guard ship off Okinawa, has accomplished the signal feat of transmitting six words a minute after only one week's training. This action is remarkable in that Fox has never had any previous code training. Beginners are generally expected to do only two words per minute the first week. The reason for Fox's accomplishment is in part due to his



desire to learn code in order to help secure advancement to GM3c and to prepare himself for a civilian job as telegrapher for the railroad industry.

Instructor Blackburn states the three principal functions in taking and sending coded messages are Accuracy, Speed and Security. All students are thoroughly indoctrinated along these lines and personal attention by the tutor is given each man throughout the course in learning procedure, the creation of the form of messages, and the International Morse Code itself.

Fox needs to send ten words per minute to qualify in code for GM3c. Twenty words per minute is required for advancement to RM3c. At regular Navy Radio Schools a period of ten weeks is devoted to preparing students for RM3c, going on the theory that two words per week is learned. Thus, it is seen, that Fox has eliminated two-thirds of the time necessary for advancement.

If you are an ambulant patient and wish to follow Fox's pattern—or if you already are a qualified code man and would be willing to assist others, see your Education Services Officer or call Ext. 281.

## To buy..sell..rent..

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### To buy . . .

Car—'35 or '36 Ford coupe with radio. H. Lane, Ward 55.

Car—Late model sedan. See Mrs. Gernandt, Survey Office.

### To sell . . .

One pair Roller Skates, size 9½. E. E. Fortner, 42A.

1937 Buick sedan, radio and heater. \$700. H. V. Dungate, 47B.

Five rooms of furniture, refrigerator, washing machine, sewing machine and stove. Phone SW-3080.

Clamp-on Sun Shades, \$5. Kingsley, 45A.

Wristwatch (Man's), shockproof, etc., \$50. Kingsley, 45A.

Marine Blues, Dress. Complete with gloves, three cap covers, two white belts, button board, etc. M. H. Popover, 47A.

Car—Willys-Knight sedan. Doerr, Fire Dept.

Hollywood style double bed with Sealy mattress, \$50. Also Electric Toaster. J. B. Easley, ward 47B.

### Wanted to rent . . .

Furnished apartment or house, barn, or something for three. C. C. Coy, SKD1c, Disbursing Office.

\$10 reward for information leading to the rental of a 2 or 3-room apartment. PhM3c R. Palestro, Laboratory.

Family of 4 wants home near Oak Knoll. J. M. Frazier, Survey Office.

House or apartment urgently needed for 2 people. Dr. R. H. Bas-kin, Ward 40A.

### Miscellaneous . . .

Ride to New York, anytime during the week of August 1. F. I. Cone, 43B.

Anyone wishing to have an ad in this column should put the item in *The Oak Leaf Box* in the lobby of the Ship's Service Building.

I would like to hear from anyone who may have been with the Marine Fighting Squadron 113 from Shima Ryuku Island, Pacific War Zone. My son, Pfc. Louis M. Lucente, who was with this group, was lost on June 10. Mike Lucente, 705 North Fifth, Sandpoint, Idaho.

If anyone was on board the "USS Tryon," on or about March 10, 1945, please get in touch with me: Mrs. Robert W. Yearout, 1622 42nd Avenue, San Francisco 22, California. Phone: MOntrorse 4383.

Gold diggers are paid by the week.



# The Sporting Scene

## Win City League Opener 7-3; Pirates Take Finale 11-2

Monday, July 31, saw the opening game of the San Leandro City Softball League with Oak Knoll trouncing the Prunetti Builders, 7 to 3. Velma fast-balled the entire game and kept the industrial men well checked.

It was Rosenberger's last game for Oak Knoll, but to counteract his loss, three new specialist A's came through with some competent playing. Tom McGooey on second base and Dick Miller at short center both did competent jobs, and Stanke promises to fill in adequately at first base in place of the departing Rosie.

Kieswater sparked the hitting for the hospital boys with a home run in the first and a triple in the fifth.

### Oak Knoll

	AB	R	H
McGooey	4	0	1
O'Brien	2	1	0
Postula	4	1	2
Kiewater	3	1	2
Miller	3	0	0
Ferguson	4	0	0
Gammill	4	1	1
Rapp	2	1	1
Velma	3	0	0

### Prunetti Builders

	AB	R	H
F. Perry	2	1	0
Brazil	3	0	1
A. Perry	3	0	0
Erwin	3	0	0
Ivaldi	2	0	1
Rodriquez	3	1	1
Mobriga	2	0	0
Jerome	2	0	1
Freites	2	0	0
Tavis	1	1	0
Oak Knoll	3 0 0 1 0 3	0	7
Prunetti	0 1 2 0 0 0	0	3

## Knollmen Beat Shoemaker To Clinch Playoff Post

In the final game in 12th Naval District League Softball play, Oak Knoll whipped Shoemaker 8 to 3 on Friday, July 27. Rosenberger, pitching his last game, ended his service career with a well-deserved win.

Oak Knoll has won or been tied for first place in all three rounds of league play, so is assured a spot in the coming play-offs. Also represented will be San Leandro, but three other teams will have to fight it out yet for the third contending spot.

With the departure of Rosenberger, the need for pitchers is acute. All Oak Knollers with experience in this department are urged to contact Proctor in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

The league finale for the Pirates saw them ending a mediocre season gloriously with an 11 to 2 win over Shoemaker. Williams pitched the entire game and so good was



These two led off when the Doctors recently beat the Nurses 15 to 11. At left, Cadet Nurse Betty Ward; at right, Dr. Arnold.

his control that not one Shoemaker man strolled.

Concannon led the offensive, getting three hits in three appearances at the plate. Zimmer collected two for three, with Hunsinger and O'Brien each getting two for four. Strengthening and steadying the team in his position as catcher was Ed Hall.

### Oak Knoll

	AB	R	H
Hunsinger	4	3	2
Platt	1	0	0
Picariello	2	1	1
Felix	4	4	2
Zimmer	3	1	2
Edwards	0	0	0
Concannon	3	0	3
Hall	5	0	1
George	3	0	0
Ferguson	2	0	1
O'Brien	4	1	2
Williams	4	1	1

### Shoemaker

	AB	R	H
Lasch	4	0	0
Argo	4	0	1
LaRock	4	1	1
Hunt	4	0	1
Ellsworth	4	1	2
Yardle	4	0	1
Sherman	4	0	1
Matyas	3	0	0
Knowles	3	0	1
Shoemaker	1 0 0 1 0 0 0 0	0	2
Oak Knoll	2 0 4 0 0 4 0 1	x	11

Waiter: Would you mind settling your bill? We're closing now.

Patron: But I haven't been served yet.

Waiter: Well, in that case there'll be only the cover charge.

## Season's Largest Crowd Sees Waves Lose 3-2

Before the largest crowd of the season and in their first league game, our Wave Softballers on Monday, July 30 dropped a close decision to the Oakland Naval Supply Depot, 3-2. It was a thrilling game with Oak Knoll threatening to take the decision in the last inning.

The visiting Waves scored first but Oak Knoll came back in the second inning to tie the score



## Cadet Nurses Outscore Red Cross 15 to 12

The semi-round robin game of the Compound League, Cadet Nurses vs. Red Cross, was played on the new softball diamond, back of the Fire House, Friday, July 27.

The Cadet Nurses were victorious 15 to 12 in a game that had all the thrills of the big league. The first inning found the game tied, but from there on the Cadets were out ahead—not much, but just enough to end the game three runs in the lead.

The Red Cross team showed much improvement over their past performances, and with a few breaks could have been the victors in this close game.

## MOIPHY...

By Penberthy



"Moiphy was caught fraternizing with a Master-at-arms."





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## Cmdr. Merwarth Attains Rank Of Captain

Captain H. R. Merwarth MC (V)S, USNR, who reported here April 16, 1945, as Commander



Merwarth to take over the duties of Chief of the Neuropsychiatric Service, received his appointment as Captain on Monday, August 6.

To Captain Merwarth this is another step on a long road that started with his entrance to Lehigh University back in 1914, which led him on to Harvard Medical School from which he graduated to serve in medicine at the Methodist Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., Neurology Institute, of N. Y.

His teaching career includes classes at the School of Medicine, New York University. Long a member of the U. S. Naval Reserve Forces, he entered active service December 29, 1941, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y.

## Sec. Navy Praises 3 Hospital Units

Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal has authorized the award of the Navy Unit Commendation to three hospital units, the USS Solace, USNH, Pearl Harbor, Territory of Hawaii, and Mobile Hospital Number Two. The commendations are in each case for extremely meritorious service during the 7 December 1941 attack on Pearl Harbor.

All personnel attached to and serving with the three units on 7 December 1941 are authorized to wear the Navy Unit Commendation ribbon.

## Sixteen Flight Hospital Corpsmen Commended

Sixteen hospital corpsmen attached to Squadron 2, Air Evacuation Squadrons, received commendations for their service during evacuation of casualties from Iwo Jima. Some of the hospital corpsmen made more than five round trips between Iwo and a base hospital and some pitched in at the field hospital on island when grounded by weather or enemy action.

## New Information Booklet Tells All From A to Z

"Information for Patients," an attractively-prepared and instructive booklet for the use of patients made its appearance at Oak Knoll on Tuesday, August 7. Containing a comprehensive listing of all hospital services, facilities and regulations, it answers most of the questions that patients ask on arrival.

The topics covered, ranging from Air Priorities to Western Union, are arranged alphabetically and included is a map of the compound giving the location and function of every building and facility. Upon arrival, the 4,000 copies were distributed to the ward nurses for the use of patients.

The booklet was prepared at the direction of Captain A. H. Dearing by Lt. (jg) M. M. Sherrill and her PubInfo Department.

## Twenty Hospitals Selected For Contact Lens Work

The Surgeon General has designated twenty naval hospitals as centers for distribution of contact lenses to patients suffering from specific visual defects. Only a limited number of defects will be allowed contact lenses and must have originated during active service.

## Anti-Mosquito Methods Improved Since 1826

The habits of the mosquito were not well-known in 1826 for when the first naval hospital was built at Pensacola in that year, an 8-foot wall enclosed the entire structure. Its purpose? To keep out mosquitoes, who were believed unable to fly over that height.

## Boiler Makers Hosts to Vets



Above: The crutch brigade enters Oakland's huge Auditorium for the Wednesday night fights; below: Mr. Birch, chairman of the entertainment committee, passes out free cigarettes.

Each Wednesday night the Boiler Makers Union No. 39 acts as host to a large party of Oak Knollers who attend the fights at the Arena of the Municipal Auditorium. These parties are the highlight of the week for many sports-minded patients here at Oak Knoll.

Mr. Owen Birch is always on hand to act as a perfect host, furnishing refreshments, making sure every one has a good ringside seat and many other minor details that go to make a perfect evening. Patients who wish to attend these parties can do so by contacting Balin of Welfare and Recreation, topside of Ship's Service building.

## You Now May Convalesce At "Special" Hospitals

Change of designation of U. S. Naval Convalescent Hospitals to U. S. Naval Special Hospitals, announced recently, will allow fuller use of existing facilities in this type of hospital, according to announcement by Rear Admiral W. J. C. Agnew (MC) USN, Acting Chief of the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. A survey of staff and equipment in all special hospitals is now under way with a view to assigning them patients not strictly in the convalescent category, thus freeing beds in many general hospitals.



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## • What Is the Meaning of "Dumb"?

Once in a while, it may be smart to play dumb, but ordinarily being dumb is just being dull—no more, no less. And being dull means you are on the way towards striking out.

Here is the story of three men who played dumb last week. This is a story with a moral easy enough for anyone who wants to find it.

1. "What is this rehab-il-iation?" said Adams to his interviewing specialist. "Something cooked up to kid us into working?" The interviewing specialist ignored the invitation to the debate and explained the possible activities and the general purpose of them. "I'm not interested in a damn thing," said Adams. "If I have to put in four hours, put me anywhere you want." So Adams picks up cigarette butts and damns rehab-il-iation. He *could* be working at a hobby, finishing his high school, learning a new vocation skill, listening to lectures on post-war vocations—and, more important, feeling as if he were getting some good out of this period of necessary inactivity so far as naval service is concerned. Plenty do, but Adams thought it was smart to play dumb.

2. Brown has decided that our Allies in this war are not making the quality of sacrifices which are demanded of Americans. "All the best cuts of meats, you know, are going to England, while our civilians struggle with red points." So Brown refuses to be shown anything by way of evidence that we still have luxury itself compared to any other one of the Big Five. He has made up his mind and "plays dumb" in the face of new information he gets. You think this isn't important? Brown has lost his perspective and is helping others to lose their perspective. Public opinion will change as our service men, of all people, lose their perspective, and our frail internationalist beginnings, the keystone to preservation of peace, will suffer. Brown is a glib talker and to our knowledge has written this sort of thing home repeatedly, has written a published letter to a popular magazine, and has converted quite a number of "sheep" around here. The blind too often lead the blind and never so viciously as when their appeal is based on the theme that our nation is being victimized. Brown knew a measure of success last week, according to his own lights. According to ours, he played dumb and did us all a big disservice.

3. Cummings hates restrictions with a psychopath's hate. Rules and regulations, he avers, are dreamed up by officers to make them feel superior. But Cummings was too smart to be bothered by rules and regulations. His defense, if caught, was to "play dumb." So Cummings, last week, went through the fence in order to get a bit of liberty he wasn't permitted to have. He came back to the hospital in an ambulance; the prognosis in this case is still grim. The doctors don't feel a bit superior, either. Cummings not only "played dumb"; he "was dumb."

## Capt. Wright Now Orthopedic Chief



Oak Knoll welcomes Captain John Madden Wright (MC)S, USNR, as head of Orthopedic Surgery, replacing Comdr. Nickelson, who has recently been detached.

Captain Wright entered active service December 16, 1941, and has seen duty at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, California, Pearl Harbor Dispensary, USNH, Aiea Hgts., T. H., USNH, Long Beach and San Bruno, California.

Being an alumni of the University of Southern California and Stanford School of Medicine, he has many friends and former classmates here at Oak Knoll.

Welcome aboard, Sir!

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202c, Educational Services Office.

For: All staff and patient, officer and enlisted personnel.

13 August—Round Table Series: "News Developments," with supplementary film. Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

14 August—Lecture and Discussion with supplementary film: "Logging Camps and Lumber Mills." Prof. Emanuel Fritz (U. of California).

15 August—Lecture and Discussion: "New Developments in Lumber Construction." Mr. J. E. Mackie (National Lumber Manufacturing Assn.).

16 August—Lecture and Discussion: "Merchandising and Buying." Mr. Cliff Uridge (Capwell, Sullivan & Firth).

17 August—Lecture and Discussion: "Furniture Retailing." Mr. R. W. Breuner (General Manager, Breuner Furniture Store).

## CATHOLIC MASS ON HOLY DAY AUGUST 15

Noon day mass will be celebrated in the ships theatre at 1200 on Wednesday, the Feast of the Assumption Of Our Blessed Mother.

Masses in chapel on this day will be at 0630 and 1630.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen, E. A. Day.  
 Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
 Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
 Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.  
 Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
 Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
 Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.  
 L. D. S. (Mormon): All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
 Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
 Confessions Before all Masses.  
 Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.  
 Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
 The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Humility

Being humble is not synonymous with being cowardly. Nor does it necessitate a man's allowing himself to be trampled by the unscrupulous. The humble man is not a "door-mat" for the selfish interests of his fellow-men. Rather, humility is that quality of a man's character which demands a proper evaluation of himself. A quality which makes impossible undue pride, arrogance, and conceit, and lets a man see himself as he really is.

Dr. John Sutherland Bonnell gives this description of humility. "Humility is not something that can be forced upon the individual from without. It must arise from within. Nor can we compel ourselves to be humble if we do not possess genuine humility. We may wear the vestments of humility; we may repeat certain stock phrases that indicate self-effacement; we may play a part like an actor on the stage, but ultimately we shall deceive no one but ourselves. True humility involves an awareness of one's achievements and one's failures, one's strength and one's weakness, one's capacities and one's limitations. True humility prevents our attempting what lies beyond our power and our neglecting those tasks that are within our capacity. Through it all we shall feel neither superior nor inferior."

CHAPLAIN ROEBUCK.



## Our Doctor



**Lt. Gerald L. Crenshaw  
(MC) USNR.**

A great and wise man was once asked what qualities he thought a good doctor should have. His answer was: knowledge, skill, faith, and a good sense of humor.

### He Wars on TB

Lt. Gerald L. Crenshaw (MC) USNR, has all these qualities and several more. In case you have never had the pleasure of meeting Dr. Crenshaw, he is the robust, active, human dynamo of ward 63A, where he and his staff conduct the endless war on the scourge of humanity — tuberculosis. His official title is Chest Surgeon of Oak Knoll, but like all other doctors in the Navy during war times, he has fallen heir to many other duties not originally assigned to his department.

Dr. Crenshaw's biography is the typical success story that could only be written in a nation like the United States of America. Being born of humble means on a farm near Chico, California, in the year of 1909 presented many problems to a child intent on making a name for himself in the medical world of the twentieth century.

After completing grade and high school near his home, he attended Chico State College from which he enrolled at the University of California Pre-Med School.

### Was Track Star

It was at this time of his life that he was known as Doc Crenshaw the Flash. Having earned his letter in sports via the track in high school, he went out for college track and hung up quite a record, of which he is still justly proud.

After graduating he served his internship at the Alameda County Hospital. It was at the time he entered private practice in Oakland that he first met the present Mrs. Crenshaw, who is a graduate of the Nursing Academy of Highland Hospital.

### Came as Patient

Lt. Crenshaw entered the service January 3, 1943, and was assigned to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Treasure Island, from which he

was transferred to Pearl Harbor, T. H. While at Pearl Harbor his status changed from staff to patient and he was transferred to Oak Knoll for further treatment. When he recuperated he was assigned to the Naval Supply Depot, Oakland, where he served until he came here.

A great believer that a man should lead a balanced life, he enjoys light classics whenever possible. He has mastered to some extent the violin and trumpet. Although he admits he is no Gabriel on the horn, he did play in the college band.

### Hobby Is Trains

Golf is the game he depends on to keep him in good physical shape, but the hobby that really keeps him busy at home is his electric trains.

Dr. Crenshaw is a member of the Alameda County Medical Society, National TB Association, College of Chest Surgeons, Lennec Society, and is consulting surgeon to the Highland Hospital, East Bay Childrens Hospital, Peralta Hospital and Providence Hospital as well as Chest Surgeon of Ahwahnee Sanitarium.

## Welcome Aboard, Shipmates!

This week we say "Welcome Aboard" to twenty-one Pharmacists' Mates who come to us direct from Independent Duty School at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Virginia, and to forty-eight Corpsmen fresh from Corps School in San Diego, California.

Three of the men arriving with the draft from Portsmouth were formerly attached to Oak Knoll's staff. They are James Kelley PhM2c, David Simrim PhM2c, Lee Roy Wilson PhM2c.

The others who arrived are Gerome Harville, Homer Hixon, William Meers, William Pearl, Marion Porter, M. Williams, Archie Raney, Abenicio Romero, and Robert Tosh, all PhM1c. Pharmacists 2c arriving were Edward Alberts, John Breidenbach, Earl Bushart, William Clements, Frank Cvetash, Jack Fogarty, Jack Hurt, Richard Olson, Carl Sumner.

From San Diego we greet: Reed Norr Baxter, Maurice Eugene Bostwick, Richard Charles Bremgartner, William John Charpentier, Dee "E" Christensen, William Ira Cooper, Warren Stephen Copp, Lawrence Edward Crow, Leo Lynn Daley, Billy Ray Darden, Richard Lee Dixon, Curtis Raymond Durio, Howard Orpheus France, Augustine Joseph Gallo, Earl Wayne Gentry, Paul Wayne Halter, Dale Ralph Hannah, Richard Elwood Harvey, George Louis Hullin, George Charles Ioakimedes, Harry William Klumb, Lewis Milton Ledford, John Warren Long, Wil-

## Grass Grows Greener 'Round 78-B



Beaming with pride in the picture above are Frank Talleur, Herman Strom, Albert Maione, James Clark and Bernie Garcia. They are well pleased with their landscaping project between wards 78A and 78B.

The season was spring and the place was ward 78B where four patients who had arrived at Oak Knoll from overseas were being treated. Unable to leave the ward, they spent many hours peering out of the windows.

It was then that they told Doctor Harris, Senior Ward Medical Officer, that when they would be able to get up and work again they were going to cultivate the finest lawn and flower garden between ward 78A and 78B that could possibly be done with human hands.

Came summer, came health again and, as one patient said, ward 78B has been our home so our home needs that lawn and flowers we promised last spring.

It's hard to explain in words what these four boys have done, but the fact that everyone who passes ward 78B these days and stops to admire the scenery is proof of what their efforts have accomplished.

William Glen Lyon, Joseph James Maniscalco, Lip Mar, Paul Russell May, William Jackson Minatre, Lloyd Werner Nelson, Daniel Elmer Oakley, Jr., Arthur Pagnotta, Juel "A" Parker, Phillip Patrick Pyles, Murl Denver Ring, Zane Edward Searles, John Harry William Shadden, Melvin Asher Smith, Harold Ernest Swanson, Richard Thoma, Loren Benjamin Tower, Elmer Turner, Edward Jack Weiler, Lloyd Marion Wright, Oscar William Wyatt, Donald Joseph Regan, Thomas Blaine Rodgers, Richard Gerald La France.

We sincerely hope you have a good tour of duty here at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California.

Newland B. Walker,  
Ch. Pharm. U.S.N.  
Staff Personnel Officer.

## Suggestions May Bring Cash

There is in existence at this hospital a Beneficial Suggestions Program for civilian personnel. The purpose of the program is to provide the procedures through which civilian employees may submit suggestions to the hospital management.

Cash awards ranging up to \$250 may be granted by the hospital to civilian employees for their suggestions, and even greater awards are possible if the Board on Awards in Washington so decides.

Suggestions relating to any part of the work of the hospital is encouraged including ideas that increase production, reduce waste, eliminate unnecessary work, and in general facilitate the war effort.

A Suggestion Board, with a supply of blanks to be used in submitting suggestions, is now located outside the accounting office, Building No. 7, and others will be placed at convenient locations in the near future.

## New Station Order

New Chow Hours and Orders have recently been established, as follows:

Breakfast . . . . . 0630 to 0745  
Dinner . . . . . 1130 to 1300  
Supper . . . . . 1645 to 1745  
Night Watch . . . . . 2330 to 0130  
(Note: Only for personnel on Night Watch Muster sheet.)

Hospital General Orders states: Only Personnel attached to U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, will be permitted to eat in Commissary one and two.



# Free Food, Music and Fun



Shown above are Oak Knollers enjoying the hospitality of the East Oakland chapter of the A.W.V.S. snack shack.

It was not so long ago that the busses to Oak Knoll stopped running at 12:18 a. m. If you returned from liberty after that hour you had to walk from 90th and MacArthur (or sit it out till morning).

That's where this story begins. It seems that there was one lady who lives on Mountain Blvd. a block or so from Oak Knoll, very active in A.W.V.S. work, who was amazed and confused to see the many men on crutches and otherwise, hobbling along the road making their way back to the shelter of Oak Knoll.

Mrs. Stebenne was this lady's name and she decided to do something about this situation. She first obtained a station wagon and operated a free bus service from 90th and MacArthur to the hospital, many nights driving back and forth till the wee small hours of the morning. It was partly through her organization and efforts that the bus company extended their service to the hospital another two hours, giving the Oak Knollers good bus service till 2:18.

However, she noted that during the winter months the patients had to wait out in the cold for as long as thirty minutes for a bus, so the A. W. V. S. Snack Shack was opened just a few doors toward Oakland on the right side of MacArthur Boulevard at 90th Avenue.

When first opened the policy was to serve doughnuts and coffee, which were furnished by local subscription of the East Oakland Chapter of the A. W. V. S. The women not only donated the money to purchase these refreshments but gave their time to act as hostesses to serve and maintain the Snack Shack.

During the first year it operated over 90,000 orders of coffee and doughnuts were served. By this time public support was increasing

as well as the number of men and women in the armed forces who were taking advantage of this little bit of home away from home. Several recreational facilities were added—a piano, juke box, pin ball machine, tables, divans, and other comforts.

Then came the day when the present policy was voted upon and the women of East Oakland agreed to set one day a week aside to bake for the boys and girls of the armed services. They divided themselves into seven groups, so that each day there would be a good supply of fresh home-made cakes, pies, cookies and sandwiches available from 7:00 p. m. till 1:30 a. m. every day of the year.

Mrs. Stebenne is still the spark plug of the organization, spending most of the day picking up the supply of goodies from the women of the neighborhood and arranging the schedule so that two A. W. V. S. workers will be on duty at all times.

Thousands have received the comforts and food of this worthy organization, where everyone is always welcomed, and everything is always free.

There are many newcomers to Oak Knoll who have probably not heard of this service. To these men as well as to those who have already paid regular visits to the Snack Shack, the A. W. V. S. wants to say that the welcome mat is out to stay as long as there are men who have fought for their country at Oak Knoll.

The drunk was walking a waver- ing line down the street. At last he turned to a passerby and asked, "Mister, where am I?"

"You're at the corner of Main and First Streets."

"To heck with the details," ex- claimed the drunk, "what city is this?"

## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Busy Parasites Foiled By Oak Knoll Doctors

Have you ever seen a man take a drag on a cigarette and then blow the smoke out of a hole level with his belt? If not, it's too late now for the man has been trans- ferred to Yosemite, and the hole was closed before he left Ward 62B about July 20, 1945.

### First Diagnosis Is Appendicitis

Meredith Oxentine, Ships Cook 3c, was admitted to an Army sta- tion hospital on Guam on October 29, 1944, because of acute pain in his abdomen, nausea and vomit- ing. The Army doctors thought it was appendicitis which was cer- tainly a reasonable explanation for the pain which he had; therefore he was operated upon at once. The operation did not relieve the abdominal pains and a week later a fluctuating mass had developed under his ribs on his right side. This mass was drained surgically and Oxentine was treated with penicillin, sulfadiazine and many transfusions. Even after transfer to a large advance Naval hospital he continued to fail in spite of everything that was done for him. It was assumed all along that this abscess which was present was due to the fact that the appendec- tomy was performed too late.

### Arrives Here in December

When Oxentine arrived at the U. S. Naval Hospital at Oakland in December, 1944, only the opti- mists thought that he had a chance of living for he had another ab- scess forming, this time near the breastbone. He was literally skin and bones; his temperature went up like a skyrocket every after- noon and X-rays showed that trouble was brewing at the base of his right lung. He coughed con- stantly and there was reason to believe that the abscess was drain- ing right on through into his bronchial tubes. The doctors hoped that opening the second abscess would help and in fact he did seem a little better after it was drained. But in a few days the fever went higher and Oxen- tine's slender grip on life seemed to be slipping away.

### Doctor Has Idea

The Chicago World's Fair epi- demic of amoebic dysentery which took the lives of many celebrities flashed into the mind of one of Oxentine's doctors, who remem- bered that Texas Guinan and many other victims were thought to have appendicitis too, and that the burrowings of the busy amoeba were often allowed to pass unrecognized. Smears were taken of Oxentine's wounds, which by this time resembled the Grand Canyon in size and in color effects. And there were the

amoebae, hundreds of them, swarming over the slide like so many California ants. This called for an about face in the treatment and a new drug was broken out. This drug was emetine which made its reputation in India many years ago. Within a few days things looked brighter, the fever came down, the cough lessened and the wounds showed unmis- takable signs of healing. But the amoebae had been making hay for many months and a large part of Oxentine's abdominal wall had been eaten away. In fact, like gophers the amoebae had bur- rowed through liver and lung. It was this development that made it possible for Oxentine to do his trick with cigarette smoke!

### Convalescence Slow

Despite the amoebic-killing treatment Oxentine was still skin and bones and progress slow. For when a man hits such a low level as he did, drugs alone cannot cure. However, rehabilitation, nursing and care played an integral part. Oxentine had to be fed and he even had to learn to walk again. The big day for Oxentine came when he was graduated from the quiet room to the open ward. When he left for Yosemite he was almost ready to travel alone.

### Here's the Moral

There is a moral in this story for service people; for amoebic dysentery is one of the few para- sitic diseases borne from man to man. Oxentine thinks that he knows how he picked up these undesirable tenants that lived off his bounty for so long, for in Guam there were hungry Chamorros who hung around his galley and to one of them he lent his mess kit. All of which would indicate that you can't be too careful about your food, your dishes or your drink- ing water in the tropics!

## Bridge Club Planned

Plans are being made to form a Bridge Club for the enlisted per- sonnel of Oak Knoll. Membership will be open to both patients and staff, male and female.

Personnel wishing to enter this activity are requested to fill out the coupon below and drop in Oak Leaf Box located in the Ship's Service lobby.

I would like to become a mem-  
ber of the Oak Knoll Bridge  
Club.  
Name.....  
Rate..... Ward or Dept.....  
Deposit in Oak Leaf Box,  
Ship's Service Lobby.



# A Mountain Paradise Awaits You at Glenwood Springs



Upper left: Glenwood Springs is a thriving little western town with plenty to do for the convivially-minded serviceman; upper right: A view of the hospital, which was formerly a resort hotel; lower left: Riding rates high with recuperating GI's; lower right: The world's largest hot water outdoor pool offers plenty of room in ideal surroundings for swimmers.

If your doctor has told you recently that you need rest and rehabilitation before you are returned to duty or civilian life, and if he has recommended that you be sent to Glenwood Springs, Colorado, to the U. S. Naval Special Hospital, the following events will probably take place:

You will board a bus here at Oak Knoll which will take you to the Oakland Loading Terminal. You will step on a Western Pacific sleeper, bound for Salt Lake City, Utah. Here, you will transfer to the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad, which will take you right into the colorful town of Glenwood Springs.

## Elevation 5,800 Feet

Glenwood Springs is a town of about 2,600 people, and is located in what would be a valley in any other part of the country, for it is situated at the junction of the Roaring Fork and Colorado Rivers and is surrounded by high mountain ranges. Its elevation, however, is 5,800 feet. The climate is cool and dry in the daytime, but at night it is quite chilly and you will need at least one blanket to sleep comfortably.

Upon arrival you will be housed in what was formerly the Colorado Hotel just outside the town. Before the war this hotel was one of the best resort establishments in Colo-

rado, and the Navy has taken it over for the duration and converted it into a convalescent hospital for sailors and marines. Whether you are quartered in a room or ward will depend upon your condition and diagnosis, but either place, you'll find the atmosphere 4.0.

## You'll Like the Chow

The plan of the day includes excellent chow cooked by Navy and civilian cooks and supervised by Navy Nurses specially trained in dietetics. After chow, if you want liberty, you will be assigned to a detail something similar to the Rehabilitation No. 1 program in effect here at Oak Knoll. You may elect activities closely associated with your rate or you may choose to do something which will benefit you in civilian life.

Following your afternoon details, swimming is available at the Hot Mineral Water Swimming Pool, the largest hot water outdoor pool in the world, or you may go mountain trout fishing in any one of the streams or lakes located close by. You might want to follow the riding trails or go hiking in the scenic mountains and canyons where wild game abounds.

## Many Scenic Features

High on the list of what to look for are the wonderful Vapor Cave Baths heated by mineral springs to 113 degrees; Yampah hot min-

eral spring and Cocktail drinking spring; Lookout Mountain, overlooking Glenwood Springs from an altitude of 8,400 feet; Glenwood Canyon, which is eighteen miles of beautiful, everchanging scenery; Hanging Lake; Hubbard Cave; the Cave of the Clouds; the State Fish Hatchery, and the largest fox farm on the western slope.

Horseback riding is the favorite sport, but you may also play tennis or golf. (There is a golf course on the hospital property.) In the winter you may ski on the spectacular Glenwood Springs ski course and modern ski lift—the longest in the western United States. Shelter houses are at top and bottom and the courses are lighted for night skiing.

## Liberty Set-Up Good

If you are not refreshingly tired after your day's activities, you may go on liberty at night—every night if you wish. You can go to Glenwood Springs itself on week nights; although small in population, the number is increased by resortists who, like yourself, are there for their health. Many recreational facilities are provided, including a U.S.O. and frequent dances. When you have run through Glenwood Springs there are many of the fascinating old "boom towns" of mining days, which have now become "ghost towns" to visit.

Week-ends you will rate a 48 and may obtain two or three 72's a month. On these special liberties you may either go to Denver or Grand Junction. Denver is 140 miles east of Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction is 90 miles west.

All in all, your two or three months at USNSH, Glenwood Springs, should be a real experience, invigorating and healthful; and whether you are discharged or go back to duty you will probably leave with the determination to return and enjoy this part of the country during peace-time.

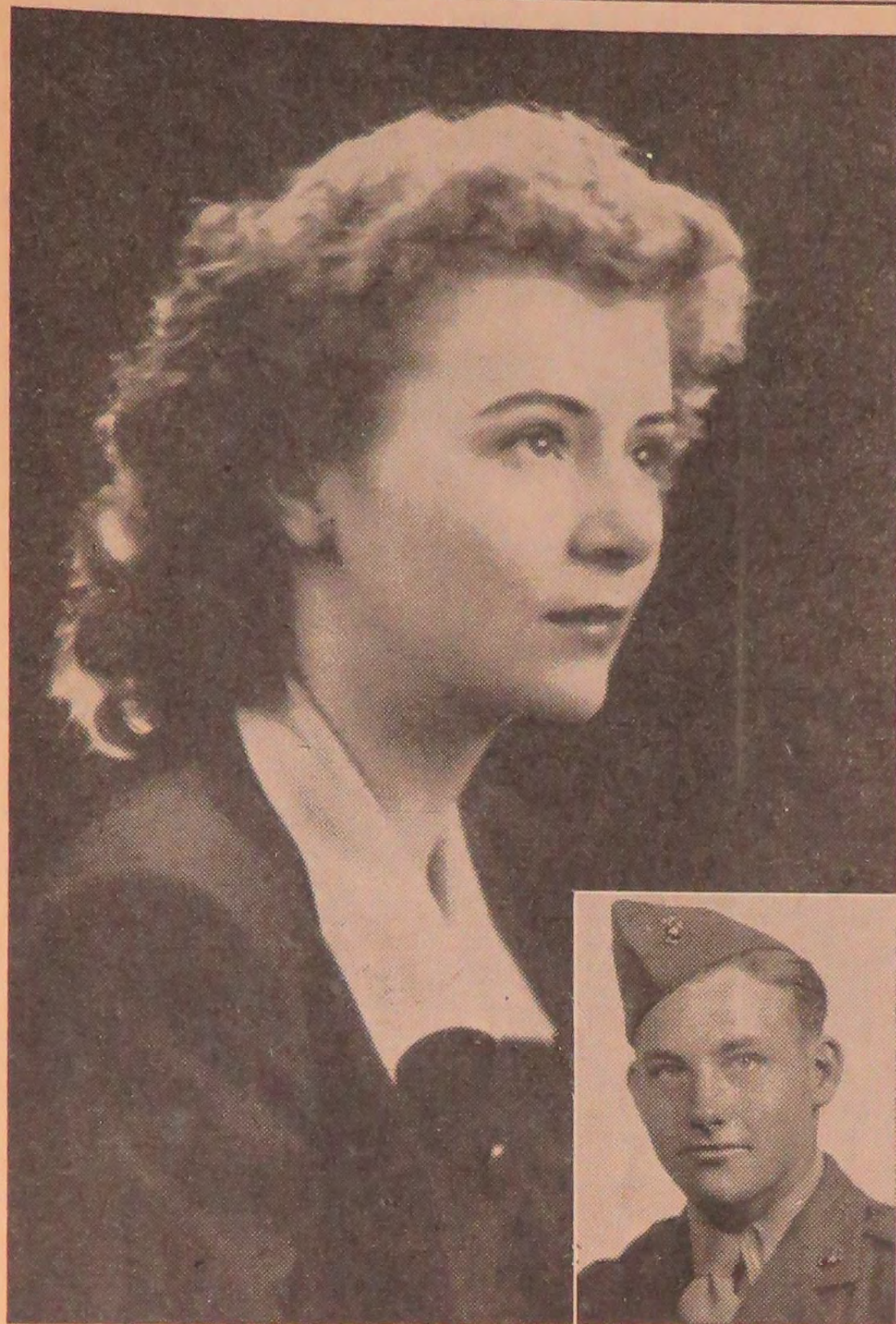
## ATTENTION, WARD NURSES

This is the second of a series of articles to appear in "THE OAK LEAF" featuring various naval hospitals. It is suggested that a file of copies be maintained in your office for the benefit of patients who will be transferred.





# WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Lovely Elsie A. Fisher of Benwood, West Virginia, is our choice of the week and the girl worth fighting for as far as PhM3c Charles H. Maxcey, a patient on ward 74B is concerned. Attached to the Fleet Marines, Maxcey took part in the battle for Iwo Jima and it was there he was wounded. For his heroic conduct he was awarded the Silver Star at the last Citation Ceremony held here.

## Off the Bookshelf

### Fiction Recently Added to the Hospital Library

Colwell: *Wind Off the Water*. (Story of three brothers in a Maine fishing village.)

Corle: *Coarse Gold*. (Story of a mining town in 1892 and 1942.)

Derleth: *Restless Is the River*. (Early days in Wisconsin.)

Fast: *Citizen Tom Paine*. (Novel about an important figure in the American revolution.)

Feld: *Sophie Halenczik, American*. (Observations of a Czech lady on American life.)

Fleury: *Faith, the Root*. (Story of a Catholic priest in a Michigan parish.)

Meador: *King of the Hills*. (A hunting story with a New Hampshire background.)

Nathan: *Journey of Tapiola*. (Fantasy dealing with a Yorkshire terrier, who ran away from home with a canary who wanted to become a baritone.)

Nathan: *Winter in April*. (Story of a young girl and her grandfather.)

Pratt: *Thunder Mountain*. (A family saga with a Colorado background; seven love affairs are included.)

Sedges: *The Townsman*. (Pioneer life in Kansas.)

### Short Stories

Beer: *Mrs. Egg and Other Barbarians*.

Cerf: *Famous Ghost Stories*.

Edmonds: *Mostly Canallers*. (Stories of the Erie canal.)

Flores: *Fiesta in November: Stories From Latin America*.

London: *Best Short Stories of Jack London*.

### Mysteries

Christie: *The A.B.C. Murders*. (A Poirot mystery.)

Davis: *Sally's in the Alley*.

Eberhart: *Hasty Wedding*.

### Guides

J. Delkins: *Flavor of San Francisco*, a guide to the world's most interesting city.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Curran—"Rose Marie," 8:30 p.m. Closes Aug. 18.

Geary—"The Bad Man," with Leo Carrillo, 8:30 p.m.

Opera House—Russian Ballet, 8:30 p.m. Ends Aug. 11.

Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 8 p.m. Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.

Civic Auditorium—Tommy Dorsey Band, Wed., Aug. 15.

#### Cinema

Orpheum—"A Thousand and One Nights," Cornel Wilde.

Fox—"Christmas in Connecticut," Barbara Stanwyck.

Golden Gate—"Along Came Jones," Gary Cooper.

United Artists—"G. I. Joe," Ernie Pyle's story.

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

DeYoung Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.

Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.

San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.

Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.

Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.

Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.

Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Cinema

Fox-Oakland—"Where Do We Go From Here?" Fred MacMurray.

Paramount—"Those Endearing Young Charms," Robert Young, Loraine Day.

Roxie—"A Thousand and One Nights," in Technicolor, starring Cornel Wilde.

Esquire—"Conflict," Humphrey Bogart.

Orpheum—"Dillinger," Lawrence Tierney.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.

Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.

Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).

Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).

Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.

Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.

St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.

Jewish Center, 732 14th St.

U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.

A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.

Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).

Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).

## Parade Rest

The Marine Detachment welcomed aboard **Corporal Leslie H. Whittaker** for duty from the Marine Detachment, Naval Disciplinary Barracks, Shoemaker, California. Corporal Whittaker served with the Canadian Army in the first World War from 1915 to 1919.

**Sergeant George A. Gradwohl** is about to take the fatal step and walk up that long aisle and get hitched. Another good Marine bites the "dust."

**Sergeant Ted "I want a survey" Blockley** of Personnel Classification is saying, "Oh Doctor are you sure I'm Okay?"

**Sergeant Mark "Pop" Griffin** is out on the ball diamond looking for parts of his knee. (Sorry, Griff.)

**Private First Class June "Lucky" Cooper** is driving a Chevrolet now. What happened to the Cadillac, Lucky?

A woman Reserve Sergeant is all smiles for the truck drivers. Which one is it? Or is it that she just wants a ride.

Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.

De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.

Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.

Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)

For wives, mothers, sisters and servicemen. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.

Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing Information Center, Room 234, H. Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Joaquin Miller Park

Woodminster Amphitheater—The Music Workshop of the Oakland School Department, Aug. 12. Free. Friday, Aug. 17, "Pagliacci," Pacific Opera Co., 8 p.m. Adm. \$1.

### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit sculpture, war posters and Inter-American art. Wd., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Tennis Courts—All day.

### Observatory

Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. 4-1561.

### Municipal Auditorium

Arena—Wrestling, Friday, 8 p.m. Boxing, Wednesday, 8 p.m. (Free tickets, apply in Recreation Office).

Theatre—"10 Little Indians," Aug. 8, 9.

### BERKELEY

University of California—Institute Music Series at Wheeler Auditorium, Aug. 13, 8 p.m. Ferenc Molnar, violinist; Carl Fuerstner, pianist. Adm.

## ON THE COMPOUND

### Cinema (Auditorium).

Friday, Aug. 10—"Her Highness and the Bell Boy," Hedy Lamarr.

Sat., Aug. 11—"Casablanca," Humphrey Bogart.

Sun., Aug. 12—"George White's Scandals," Joan Davis.

Mon., Aug. 13—"Cabin in the Sky," Ethel Waters, Rochester.

Tues., Aug. 14—"Captain Eddie," Fred MacMurray.

Wed., Aug. 15—"Caribbean Mystery," James Dunn.

Thurs., Aug. 16—"The Gay Senorita," Jimmy Fackenberg.

Fri., Aug. 17—"Over 21," Irene Dunne.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1800 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, minutes before the scheduled time of riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Saturday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.

Leave 1300—Return 1630.

## SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).

0800-0900—Closed.

0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.

1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.

1200-1300—Officers.

1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.

1530-1730—Officers.

1730-Till Secured—Enlisted Staff.

### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).

0800-1000—Closed.

1000-1100—Inspection.

1100-1200—Staff.

1200-1300—Officers.

1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.

1530-1730—Officers.

1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.

1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

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# BASE NOTES

★ Bea of Patient Personnel wants to know if the Marines have really landed and have the situation well in hand. If so the answer is still NO, or Maybe.

★ SK2c Kay Paulin of transportation and disbursing office will leave for Youngstown, Ohio, to enjoy a leave and to see if that old flame is still burning back in Oho-ho.

★ What is that strange fascination Frankie in Ship's Service has over the male patrons?

★ Eddie Buker, civilian pipe fitter, is mourning the passing of his father on Sunday, August 5. His many friends here extend their deep sympathy.

★ SK3c Doris Ott got a ring from a G.I. at T.I. She's lovely, she's beautiful, she's engaged.

★ Marion Haas, Captain of the Civilian Office Workers Softball team, says that now that they have nice new uniforms she hopes the team will turn out and wear them. It's hard to beat another team with only five office workers turning out to play.

★ Martha Stein of the O.O.D.'s office has the answer to why Waves lose their good dispositions. Here's a sample of some of the telephone calls they receive: "Oak Knoll? Can you tell me where I can find a red-headed Marine named Jimmie? He was at the Playboy last night and told me to phone Sweetwood 5400 and ask for him."

★ Mrs. Jones, Civilian Personnel Clerk, reports that her office is moving to the Administration Building opposite PubInfo.

★ HA1c Lois Stites reports that she will desert the sailors on August 18 when she marries that certain doggie of the Army Air Corps.

★ Rama Schramm, civilian employee at Patient Personnel, got the thrill of a lifetime when her husband arrived here from overseas unexpectedly. She was granted a week's leave of absence to hear all about his overseas adventures.

★ What HCQ (MAA) has been "pushing" things at P.B.'s?

★ We understand Della Dean is looking for a cancellation mark from the post office of Cleveland, Ohio.

# Stars Greet Oak Knollers



Veterans of stage and screen Robert Warwick, Toni Gilman, and Alexander D'Arcy pose backstage at the Geary with veterans of Pacific fighting. The vets enjoyed both the play, "Ten Little Indians," and the visit behind the scenes.

★ **Mystery of the week:** Who is the ear-pulling champion of Oak Knoll? Ask Dixie—her ears are still ringing.

★ The picnic and dance staged by the transportation department was such a great success that PhM1c Robert Honold broke his leg Saturday afternoon and didn't know it till late that night when he turned in to the O.O.D. Better hurry and get well, Bob, we understand another picnic is being planned already.

★ We understand that PhM1c Charles D. Mundorf is about to ascend to the rank and position of Lt. in the Hospital Corps. His specialty is Physical Therapy. Congratulations.

★ The many friends and fellow workers of Mabel Berg, buyer at Ship's Service, were very glad to see her back on the job after a month's vacation in Washington and Canada. Mabel started working at the Club House October 9, 1943, and to her goes The Oak Leaf's cluster for faithful and efficient service at the hospital.

★ Super Mystery of the Week: Who pushed or rolled the MAA's motorcycle into the weeds? or why is Wes so downhearted?

On Monday, July 30, over 100 Oak Knollers were the guests of the Curran Theatre management at the Geary Theatre to witness the New York stage play, "Ten Little Indians," starring Robert Warwick, Toni Gilman and Alexander D'Arcy of screen, radio and stage fame.

"Ten Little Indians" is a dramatization of a best seller by Agatha Christie, the creator of the internationally known fiction detective Hercule Poirot. This super mystery thriller lived up to the advance notices given it by captivating the imagination and attention of all who attended.

When the curtain rang down after the final act, the entire Oak Knoll party was invited backstage to meet the stars and get a glimpse behind the footlights. Although many of the patients had seen Robert Warwick in the movies it was lovely leading lady Toni Gilman who received most of the admiring stares.

★ Privett of the information desk at O.O.D.'s office says that he is planning his post-war future now with a weather eye cocked on a certain civilian office worker here on the compound.

# To buy..sell..rent..

**NOTICE:** "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

## FOUND

Railroad ticket, San Francisco to Cleveland, on compound. Owner may claim at Provost Marshal's Office upon proper identification.

## LOST

Lady's Pen (Parker) without cap. Return to Oak Leaf.

Shell rimmed glasses in brown leather case. Lt. (jg) John F. MacLee, Dental Clinic.

Wrist watch on ward 62B. Reward, no questions asked. H. M. Allen, Y2c, 62B.

Black coin purse. Return to J. D. Lablanc, 77A.

Black billfold, lost August 3. Please return to Marrice John Nivala, 81A.

Wallet containing I.D. Card, etc. Return to G. C. Dore, transportation dept. Reward.

## WANTED

A ride to Los Angeles August 17. See E. A. Taylor, HA1c, at Western Union, Ship's Service.

Icebox or refrigerator and washing machine. Dr. M. Engel, Dental Clinic.

Small icebox or refrigerator. Lt. (jg) George T. Adams, 67B.

Electric iron. E. E. Hall, 77B.

## FOR SALE

Naval officer's overcoat, size 44, make offer. L. W. Hutchinson, MoMM3c, 43B.

Car—'36 Ford, A-1 condition. See S/Sgt. Konal. Ward 80A.

Packard sedan, '38, \$945. Barnes, 78B.

Table model radio, \$20. G. Heltzel, phone 183.

Two bedroom home near Oak Knoll. Phone KE 45671.

## WANTED TO RENT

Apartment or small house for self and wife, no children. R. H. Brodhead, Lt. (jg) USNR, Ward 75B. Box 138.

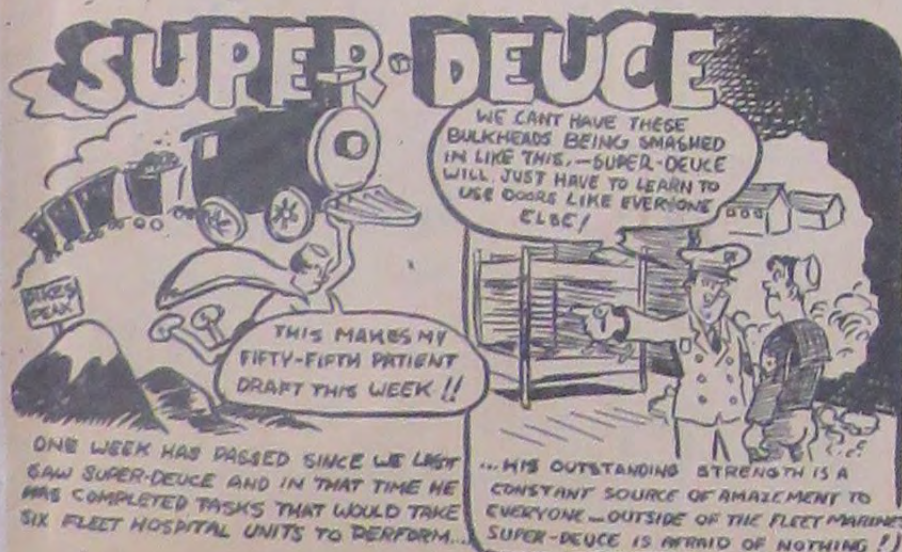
## TO RENT

Apartment. Call AD 8232.

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Reporter: Yes, I always carry my notes in my hat.

Editor: I see—news in a nutshell.





# The Sporting Scene



Shown above are Walter McTeigue and Jo Craig caught in an action shot while enjoying tennis on one of the new superduper courts, of which there are 10 now available to Oak Knollers.

## Softballers Take 5-4 Victory

Oak Knoll's crack softballers auspiciously opened their campaign in the Post Enquirer-Oakland Recreation championship tournament when they whipped Structure No. 305, 5-4 on Monday evening, August 6.

Ralph Postula singled to open the last inning for Oak Knoll. O'Brien laid down a bunt and when the third baseman pegged wildly past first, Postula reached third and O'Brien second. Dick Miller then bounced the game-winning single into left field.

## Felix Scores 316 To Win Pin Tourney

A novel Head Pin Tournament conducted on our local alleys saw 29 Oak Knollers competing for cash prizes with Felix emerging the victor with a score of 316. Winters was second with 309 and Haynie third with 301. Six other men, Livignale, Lather, Langer, Buzney, Adams, and Schultz also were cut in on the cash awards.

The rules of this exotic game were: Each player got one ball per frame, a total of 12 balls per game. In order to score he had to topple the head pin. A perfect game would result in a score of 120 and

the winners were decided on the total pinnage basis for three games.

The recent successful Ward Patient Bowling Tournament with 14 teams competing was won by Ward 51B with a score of 1564. The tourney attracted a great deal of attention and drew many rooters who watched the patients compete for the \$35 in cash prizes put up by Welfare and Recreation.

The winning team members were Begley, Brady, and Moorhead, all of whom kegled capably led by Begley with a 599 triple score. Ward 48B took second money with a score of 1424. Third place ended in a tie between 81B and 78B. Individual high three award went to Begley for his 599 and Smits took high single with 225.

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. (jg) James H. Ross (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Eli Kamellin (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Paul O. Huth MC-V(S) USNR, Lt. (jg) George J. Andros (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Philip R. Sanfilippo (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. James C. Luce (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Irwin O. Ginsberg (MC) USNR, Captain John M. Wright (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Harry L. Vidricksen (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Richard F. Redman ChC USNR, Lt. (jg) Edgar O. Day ChC USNR, Lt. (jg) Paul Steinhorn (MC) USNR.

### Going

Cmdr. Hugh O. Fulcher (MC) USNR, Lt. Jack E. Kotlow D(L) USNR, Lt. Phillip D. Carmel (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) William W. Zeller (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Leo P. Wickert (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Charles E. Willis (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Richard P. Sexton (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Harold C. Messenger (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Charles F. Kane (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Darrell N. Browning (MC) USNR, Pharm. Edward D. Chapman USN, Pharm. Roy C. Otis USN, Lt. Cmdr. Edward C. Wilson, Jr. MC(S) USNR.

### Marines Still Undefeated

The Marine Detachment softball team is still undefeated in the compound league. The team played six games and always walked off victorious. The Navy Specialists had better do a little more specializing.

## Architectural Student Designs Post-War Home

One of the most fascinating vocational pursuits of the present day, mechanical drafting, is luring many patients to the drawing boards located in the Pre-Vocational Training Building for a course of study. Whether beginner or advanced a student will find his time gainfully occupied under competent instructorship and can learn general drafting in order to increase his mechanical knowledge or can become better acquainted with architectural, mechanical, structural and electrical schematic diagrams.

Clifford E. Anderson, SSMT3c, Ward 79A, while convalescing at this hospital, has spent most of his time designing the layout for a home he is planning to build himself after the war, in Price, Utah. Under the tutelage of T. J. Taylor, Flc, of Ward 81A, former Engineering Draftsman at the National Union Radio Co., in New Jersey.

Utilizing the rights promulgated under the GI Bill, Anderson intends to keep right on with architectural drafting studies after the war and will enroll at the Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah, for an extensive tour of learning. Ultimately he hopes to become an architectural designer and help construct modern homes. Before he enlisted in the Navy, Anderson helped his father, who was an architect, design and build his parents' home.

According to Taylor, who is



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leaving the hospital and will be replaced by A. F. Solimine AMM 3c, Ward 49B, prewar Engineering Draftsman from Chicago, Ill., a man who can pass a standard mechanical drafting written and practical examination will be credited with two years' high school study by many schools. Although some of the student patients enrolled have had drafting experience either in school or the Armed Forces, many of the green hands are men holding ratings of carpenter, radioman and electrician.

If you are a patient at this hospital and interested in learning the fundamentals of mechanical drafting, or if, due to past experience you are qualified to teach others, see your Ed. Serv. Office or call Ext. 281.

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penberth



The fellow at the other end of the bar wants to buy you a drink, Mate

## Riders Please Note

A move that will please Oak Knoll's riding enthusiasts is the announcement by Welfare and Recreation that there will be a two-hour ride every morning starting Monday, August 13.

The complete schedule follows: Every morning, 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630. Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030. Rates are 50c per hour.





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Saturday, 18 August, 1945

## Patients Enjoy Firemen's Ball

Two hundred Oak Knollers were invited by the Oakland Fire Department to attend the 14th annual Stage Show and Firemen's Ball, held at Oakland Auditorium Arena, Saturday, August 4th.



Shown above is Mayor Beach getting the word from G. A. Kipping, SF3c, a member of the Oak Knoll group attending the Firemen's Ball. Below are three other members of the party who mingled backstage with the stars of the show.

Such hospitality has seldom been experienced by members of the armed forces. To the casual observer, the firemen completely forgot the other 7,500 people who attended to make sure that every comfort was provided for the men of Oak Knoll.

The show opened with Jess Stafford's 20-piece band playing the "Star-Spangled Banner," followed by 90 minutes of the best big time radio, stage and musical comedy entertainment available. Bobby Vernon of the famous Ziegfeld Follies, acted as master of ceremonies and dedicated several numbers in the show to the fighting men of Oak Knoll. Following the stage presentation the band played for dancing till the wee small hours of the morning.

Mayor Beach, newly elected mayor of Oakland, paid the boys from Oak Knoll an informal visit, as did the Oakland fire chief.

Bobby Vernon took a party backstage to meet the lovely dancing girls and other outstanding personalities.

## San Leandro Hospital Celebrates First Birthday

Wednesday, 15 August, the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Leandro, celebrated its first anniversary. Much activity took place, with a gala dance climaxing the day's festivities.

There will always be a tender spot in the hearts of Oak Knollers for San Leandro Hospital. Many here remember January, 1944, when word first reached us that 164 acres had been detached from the Oak Knoll tract. Four hundred thousand dollars were spent to create the plateau upon which the hospital is now located.

It seems only yesterday that the men assigned to San Leandro (originally Oak Knollers) were quartered here, ate here and made the daily hike up the hill to report for morning muster, returning to Oak Knoll in time for evening chow. Those were the days of preparation prior to the arrival of patients.

San Leandro has weathered her growing pains well, attaining her rightful position as one of the most modern units in the great system of Naval hospitals. To these good neighbors on top of the hill, we say happy birthday and congratulation.

## Financial Wizard

A sailor completing his 30 years of service recently retired with the tidy sum of \$90,000. He amassed this fortune through careful investment of his savings and the death of an uncle who left him \$89,500.

PHILADELPHIA (SEA).—A blue frog—one in 100,000—is now on exhibit at the Zoo here. Scientists explain that nature forgot to include the yellow pigment cells in the frog—thus the bluish color.

Hang on to your peacoats, mates—Greer Garson sports same in her latest picture, "This Strange Adventure," and fashion experts predict every American gal will want a Navy coat after they peekaboo Greer.

TEMPE, Ariz. (SEA).—A stray dog died after biting Marshal Walter Baker. "That's the second time it's happened," pondered Baker.

## Send-off Honors Comdr. Nicholson



Scenes above show a few of the many friends of Comdr. J. T. Nicholson who gathered in Surgery 1 to wish him a pleasant Bon Voyage.

Surgery One was the scene of an informal going away get-together in honor of Comdr. Jesse T. Nicholson, who has recently been detached.

Fellow doctors, nurses, corpsmen and Waves who have had the pleasure of associating with Dr. Nicholson during his stay here, took time out to pay him a final tribute.

Lt. Tyson (NNC) presented him with a fine leather brief case on behalf of the entire personnel of Surgery One. He in turn presented each enlisted member with new dressing room shears, while each nurse received a box of embossed stationery.

## Well Done!

"Well done to Chief Royce and his firefighters for their excellent showing at the time of a surprise inspection of the Fire Department by District Representatives on August 13th. The promptness and skill displayed evoked the highest praise from the inspectors, who were comparing the work of our Fire Department with that of similar departments in the Twelfth Naval District."

A. H. DEARING,  
Captain (MC), USN, Medical  
Officer in Command.



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## "I Wonder!—What Now?"

A great victory has been won—the Japanese Empire is defeated and our armies are triumphant. This victory is all the more glorious because it has been won to a certain extent by the threatening pressure of our inferior forces. There has not occurred the deadly attrition of a long and costly campaign with death and wounds for millions of our countrymen. We have lost many, and nothing can replace a life lost, but the cost in lives has been smaller than many of us dared hope after the fateful days of Japanese successes in early 1942. We are all thankful to God for our success and victory.

The tumult and shouting of celebration has now subsided. The exultation of the first hours and days after we were certain of Japanese surrender have passed. We now take sober thought for the future and many are asking the question:

"I wonder! What now?"

To many, this question represents the query uppermost in their minds—When do I go home? When will I be discharged? Nobody can answer that question for anybody at this time. It isn't possible for a great Navy of nearly 3,500,000 to immediately shrink to a peacetime fleet. There are ships to be manned till decommissioned, there are millions overseas to be transported to the United States, and there are thousands of Naval stations on which we cannot just turn the key and go blithely on our way.

Our work in a Naval Hospital is far from ended. The members of the Medical Department of the Navy will probably be among the last to be demobilized. Thousands of sick and wounded are still in hospitals in the Pacific theater and must be brought home to be returned to health. The return of our fleet and all our overseas forces will increase the demand for hospital beds in the United States just because of the greatly increased number of personnel in the country. The "normal" rate of illness and injury among this great force will require many doctors, nurses and hospital corpsmen. The Medical Department has set a great record for saving wounded men in this war. The standard of treatment cannot and will not be lowered in the care of sick and wounded during the hectic post-war days when so many of us are wondering "What Now" and "When?"

A. H. DEARING,  
Captain (MC), USN,  
Medical Officer in Command.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplain—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen, E. A. Day.  
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.  
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.  
**L. D. S. (Mormon):**  
All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

**Catholic:**  
Chaplain—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
Confessions Before all Masses.  
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.  
**Jewish:**  
Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.  
Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

## News Writer Gets Start in Navy

By the time the men assigned to Educational Services through the Rehabilitation Office have reported for their details in the morning, blond-headed Ralston Leigh Smith, Jr., QM 3/c, USNR, from Ward 62-B, is already half way down the page on another lesson to be forwarded to the Armed Forces Institute. Since Smith has been a patient in this hospital, he has completed a course in American history and a high school senior English course; he has taken the five General Educational Development tests (with a 90% average!); he's about to take a Modern News Reporting examination (the Oak Leaf has benefited by some of his exercises in this course!) and is busy at work on his last senior English course.

Smith left in his junior year of high school at Montclair, N. J., to join the Navy on 20 April, 1943, when he was 17 years and one day old. He was sent to boot camp at Great Lakes and upon completion was retained in the temporary ship's company in the Public Relations Office for three months. He was then assigned to Cooks' and Bakers' School at 87th and Anthony Streets in Chicago, which he claims was one of his best tours of duty, including liberty two out of every three nights and two out of every three week ends.

In December, 1943, the Navy granted his request and found him qualified for submarine school at New London, which he completed in February, 1944. He stayed at New London for about three months, detailed to the submarine school, which was used for training soundmen on DEs.

On 1 April, 1944, the USS "Piranha," which had just been commissioned in Portsmouth, arrived in New London on its way to Key West, Panama and Pearl Harbor. Smith was transferred to this submarine and remained on board until February, 1945. During this period he participated in the Philippines and Palau invasions and the North China Sea and Guam patrols.

It was after his first patrol that Smith began to regret the fact that he had not finished high school. He determined to do so, if possible while he was in the Navy. Materials were not available until he was transferred to Pearl Harbor and was, by this time, hospitalized. He began his History and News Reporting courses here. When he arrived at Oak Knoll he wrote his high school and received word that he had been credited with one unit for submarine school, one unit for basic training and two units for his rate of QM 3/c (which he earned after his first patrol).

Smith then wrote Washington & Lee University in Williamsburg, Va., to determine if any additional subjects were required for his entrance. Washington & Lee replied, advising him to take the General Educational Development tests which they would consider as equivalent to college entrance examinations.

Now it will be possible for Smith to enter Washington & Lee at any time by working on an accelerated basis to obtain his degree, utilizing the benefits allowed by the GI bill.

There is also a chance that Smith will be returned to duty, which doesn't bother him at all.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Control

The recent devastating use of the Atomic Bomb has startled the world with the realization of the awesome forces under the control of man. We all know that the newly tapped reservoir of energy can be utilized for good or for evil. We all appreciate that it can be harnessed to work for mankind or diverted to destroy him. But which will it be?

The progress brought about in the scientific control of material forces has advanced more rapidly than the moral control that man exerts over himself. Now that so much power is within the grasp of man, can he be trusted with it? He has learned to control material nature. Has he learned to control his own? Has he conquered lust, checked ambition, overcome greed, all of which—unchecked—can destroy his neighbor and himself?

The greater his control over nature, the more dangerous a conscienceless human race become.

Science may teach us to control the material universe, but Religion is needed to control our spiritual selves. The passions within us can destroy us with the weapons of Science. Original sin has added to the problem, a problem that history and our own experience should teach us if, as unbelievers, we are not convinced by the revelation of God.

Each generation, indeed each man, must learn that lesson of self-control anew. Perhaps that explains why from the viewpoint of morality the history of mankind presents not progress but repetition.

It may explain, too, why an educational system that admits Science and bars Religion is fast producing a powerful, but uncontrolled human race.

CHAPLAIN RICHARD REDMAN.



## Our Doctor



Comdr. Marion W. Coleman  
(MC) (S), USNR

Remember those multi-word titles that have been coined by the dozen during these days of V-Mail and pin-ups? If we were to make up one for Comdr. Marion W. Coleman, (MC) (S), USNR, it might very well read like this: "Doctor-we'd-choose-to-care-for-our-case-of-pyelitis" or "Surgeon-we'd-like-best-to-remove-our-left-kidney" and the boys over on Ward 75-B agree that he's the "Man-they-hate-most-to-have-detached-from-Oak Knoll."

### Joined Navy in '42

Coming aboard March 28, 1944, Comdr. Coleman has been looking after patients in the urology department for nearly a year and a half, and when Captain Reynolds left the department to become executive officer a few weeks ago, he became Head of the Department. His work here is a continuation of the naval career he began on January 12, 1942, at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego. The same year on April 12 he sailed with a unit of Naval Reserve Specialists from Dayton, Ohio, to serve as a nucleus of a group of 35 doctors who were to establish the first advance base hospital in the South Pacific Area on Efate, New Hebrides. For 21 months the Commander worked there, where a majority of the casualties from the early Solomons campaign kept every available doctor busy. In November, 1943, he reported for a new assignment, this time at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, to serve as Chief of Urology until his transfer to Oakland.

### Studied in Philadelphia

Dr. Coleman's pre-navy days began way back on July 1, 1899. Only his parents, who lived in Morgantown, Indiana, realized at that time what an important man their son was. But gradually his influence was felt in wider circles. He eventually went to Ohio State

## Income Tax Information

A recent Treasury Department ruling has extended the time for the filing of income tax returns in cases where a serviceman was overseas at the time a return should ordinarily have been filed. The new ruling provides that no return need be made until the 15th day of the sixth month after a man returns to the country, if he was out of the country on 1 January, 1945.

University, where he received his AB degree in 1921. Four years later when he finished Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, he was eligible to write an M.D. after his name. Then came a residency at the Protestant Episcopal Hospital in Philadelphia. Later when the doctor felt a yearning for his home town—Dayton, Ohio—he returned there and practiced urology, sharing an office with his brother, Dr. C. A. Coleman. He subsequently served as senior urologist at the Miami Valley, Good Samaritan, and St. Elizabeth's hospitals in Dayton.

Here at Oakland Comdr. Coleman is particularly interested in the group of cases with whom he has employed a new technique of plastic surgery for the conservation of hydronephrotic kidneys.

Comdr. Coleman holds membership in the Ohio State Medical Association, Tri-State Medical Society, and American Urological Association, and is a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

One might think that the doctor had time only for these serious pursuits. It's true. ONCE since he was married eleven years ago, he had time to go fishing. He does take time occasionally to play a few rounds of golf—his favorite pastime. He admits that he's not good but persistent. After years of it, he's still striving to break 100!

### Honored at Party

Then, too, the urology chief likes picnics. That's why patients and staff members who joined in a party for him last Thursday night made it an outdoor affair at Redwood Regional Lodge. It was a happy occasion because it celebrated the arrival of his official promotion to captaincy. It was sad because by the time Mrs. Coleman has finished sewing a fourth gold stripe on her husband's sleeve, Dr. Coleman will have taken up his duties at the new U. S. Naval Hospital, Medford, Oregon.

Although Comdr. Coleman is "sold" on California and plans to retire here, he will return to Dayton to practice when his Navy service is over. One would suppose that after so many busy years our doctor would have dreams of some very special sort of post-war vacation, but no such dream has yet taken shape in his mind. In this regard he is sure of one thing only—he wants nothing to do with ocean travel.

## Musically Inclined? Band Needs You!



The station band, under the able direction of Ch. Mus. J. E. Wortman, has grown from a nucleus of three men to a growing organization of over thirty pieces. However, due to the ever shifting patient population here at Oak Knoll new members are always welcomed.

Chief Wortman stresses the fact that staff as well as patients are wanted by the band. If you play, you are invited to drop in at rehearsal which is held in the auditorium of Ship's Service building each afternoon, Monday through Friday, 1430 till 1530.

### Sat. Evening Post Offers \$100 for War Anecdotes

For acceptable true anecdotes of this war, the "Saturday Evening Post" is offering \$100.

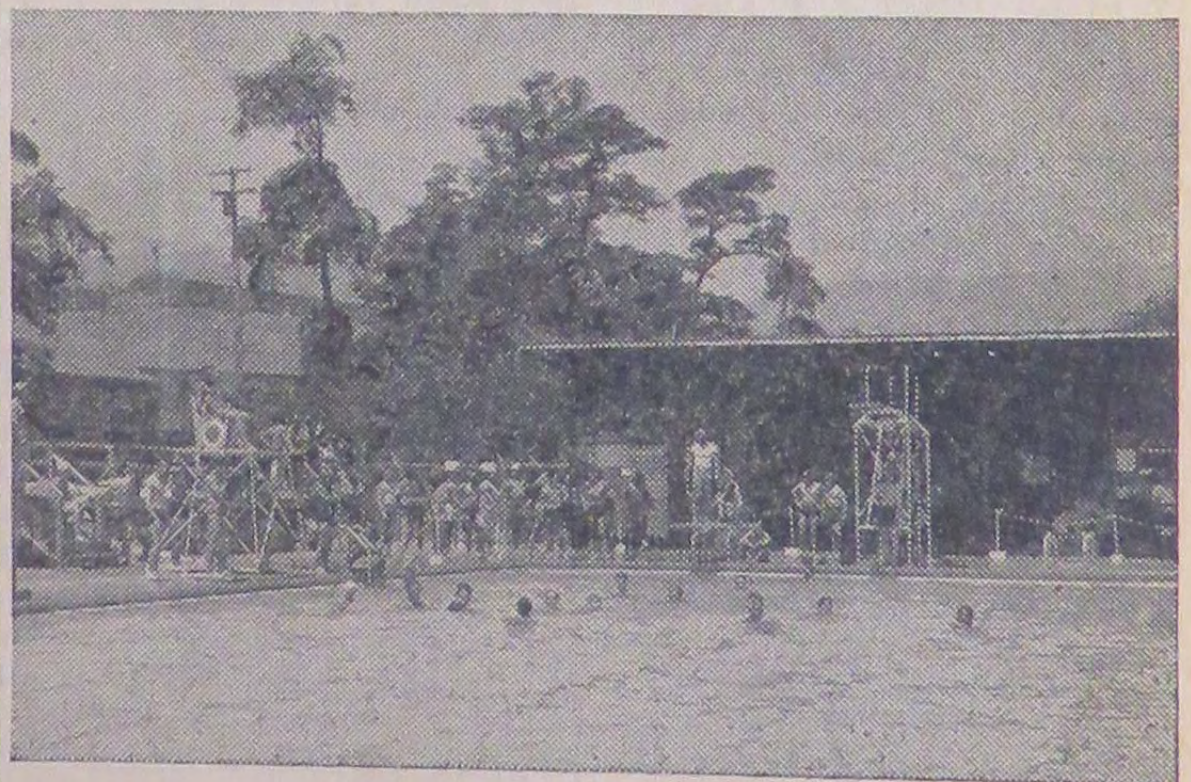
Subjects of the anecdotes may be humorous or serious, and should be from experience of the author or thoroughly authenticated. Stories must be previously unpublished and less than 400 words.

## Parade Rest

The Marine Detachment salutes **First Lieutenant William R. Ash**, who has served with this Detachment since 9 September, 1944, commanding several of the companies here. Lieutenant Ash is very well liked by all members of the Marine staff, and even by the nurses and the cadet nurses when he was Officer in Charge of Drills and Instructions. Lieutenant Ash is being detached to serve aboard ship.

The Marine Detachment softball team met up with some bad luck or maybe it was too many spectators. The team lost its first game of the season Thursday, August 9th, to the Chief Athletic Specialists. The score was 15 to 8 in favor of the Chiefs. It was the first time that the entire Marine Detachment staff turned out to watch a ball game.

## The Ol' Swimmin' Hole



The old swimming hole at Oak Knoll was a very popular place during the month of July, according to the latest statistics released by Welfare and Recreation.

During the month of July 5556 people enjoyed the pool. Patients led in attendance with 2043 and Corpsmen were next with 1217 taking the plunge. Last but not least, according to the percentage of population, were the Waves with 391.

## ATTENTION, VETS!

All men, officers or enlisted, patients or staff, who are entitled to a Purple Heart medal or a Gold Star, in lieu of a second Purple Heart medal, may obtain same by making application to Pharm. C. E. Chrisley in the patient personnel office.



## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Lucky Officer Has Two Feet—Thanks to Oak Knoll Doctors

Enough is enough and all that, but too much is plenty! When you go overseas and spend 15 months in the South Pacific and return with your liberty blues, sound health and your pay accounts, for state-side duty, you've done something in this man's war. But to go and get bumped and bumped hard in Santa Rosa, Calif., is another thing.



Lt. and Mrs. Croman

One calm and blissful morning at 10 a. m., July 18, 1945, to be exact, Lieut. Robert William Croman, USNR, was minding his own business as a landing signal officer, accompanied by Lieut. McClure, who was likewise so occupied at the Naval Air Base in Santa Rosa, on the airstrip. In front of him, a nice flossy fighter plane was coming in to a good landing, when without warning, not even the proverbial word "scat," the second plane, in the flight of five, some 50 yards behind the first, caught the slip stream of the plane in front and bore down on Croman. Croman, for all his college football experience, couldn't duck the second plane, so he nosedived hopefully and prayerfully under its wing as the plane continued on its tortuous route in his direction. The plane had started to spin and was only 25 feet above the ground when this happened. First the port wing popped and then part of the landing gear buckled as it hit the ground. That's when Croman got hit, for after he and the plane had collided the plane went down the runway about 500 yards, finally stopped drunkenly and became an article for survey. The ambulance was called and the pilot disentangled from the wreckage, and then they thought of Croman. When the attendants saw him he was conscious, but his right foot was dangling from his leg, having been severed by the propeller. The pilot hadn't even a scratch. A plane brought Croman from Santa Rosa to Alameda, and from there to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Oakland by 12 noon in an ambulance. Croman insists that when he was placed in

the plane someone remembered to push in his dangling foot, and said, "You may need this."

In surgery, Croman was placed on the operating table with bare hope for anything but a footless right leg, there he looked up and saw an old acquaintance from Espiritu Santo, Dr. Colin C. McRae. Dr. McRae examined the injured limb and found both the large bone (tibia) and the smaller one (the fibula) completely severed with shattered ends. The muscles and tendons were frayed and torn, but the main nerve trunk and artery running down behind the tibia were intact. He used a metal plate and screws to join the two ends of the tibia (the main weight bearing bone) and wired the broken fibula, which is less important. The muscles and tendons were joined together as accurately as possible and the leg placed in a plaster cast. It was a difficult and tedious job, but the surgeon's efforts were well repaid. When it was over they wheeled the now unconscious Croman down the ramp to the ambulance and with care and caution they deposited him in 40A. That was three weeks ago.

You often hear tales of people who have had various parts of the body severed and replaced with a "take." Actually this appears to be an old wives' tale, for there are few cases where any member has been so completely severed as Croman's with the results so gratifying. Occasionally one hears of an ear being replaced, but the result is usually a battered, withered appendage. Lieut. McClure, who was with Croman at the time of the accident, when they were conducting field carrier landing practice with Carrier Air Group No. 19, did much to help him, for he controlled the bleeding by compressing the arteries of his upper leg, and held the injured member in place. Good first aid, the courage and surgical skill of Dr. McRae and the fortunate preservation of the main artery of the foot and lower leg, are the reasons why Lieut. Croman's foot are flourishing. At this writing, it is pink and warm and while its complete restoration to a full duty status is some time in the future, the prospects of his going on with his Naval career seem bright. At least he won't have the kind of a leg that you take off when you go to bed at night!

Croman has been in the Navy since December 8, 1941. He came in with his CAA license as a pilot. He attended Moravian College, Bethlehem, Pa., where he had a football scholarship—oh yes, by the way, he always played quarterback. In the summer of '41, he decided

## If It's Dental Work, We Do It

The U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, is proud of its excellent dental department, which provides every type of dental care, from semi-annual check-ups to "major" operations. At the Dental Clinic, located in Building 34, between Ward 40-B and physical therapy, patients report to Comdr. V. S. Robinson (DC), USN, for their initial examinations and consultations. A card is made out showing what work is necessary, and appointments are made.

The Dental Prosthetic Clinic in Building 1 makes all types of oral prosthetic appliances. Here there are three operating rooms, a waiting room, and a completely

that he would take up flying, and in order to do so he quit college, went to work in a hosiery mill at night and during the day he learned how to fly. As a pilot in the Navy, he was sent to Espiritu Santos to fly SBDs (dive bombers). These SBDs were used for search, convoy, rescue and anti-submarine patrol. It was at Espiritu that Croman met Dr. McRae, through his own flight surgeon, in fact, they not only met but even had dinner together at the officers' mess in the hospital there. But when they parted neither one of them thought that they would meet under such strange conditions or that their ways would cross as it did that calm and blissful morning of July 18th in surgery, at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland.

Mrs. Alva Croman, the lieutenant's wife, is a daily visitor in 40A. They both hope that he may be transferred to Philadelphia, for if he is, that would be only 20 miles from home, and home to them means Doylestown, Pa.

equipped laboratory under the supervision of Comdr. George H. Mills (DC), USN. In the Maxillo-Facial Prosthetic Department the appliances used in cases involving loss of structure due to gunshot wounds, explosives, or other accidents, are constructed. Lt. Comdr. Earl Pound (DC), USNR, conducts this department. Many cases of reconstruction have been completed successfully by this department. Another Prosthetic Department produces the plastic artificial eyes with excellent results. This type of ocular prosthesis is far superior to any type formerly used and produces an eye which so closely resembles the natural eye that it takes an expert to distinguish the artificial from the natural. Lt. Comdr. Harold G. Davies (DC), USN, directs this work.

In the Department of Operative Dentistry are specially trained operators who are doing a high type of restorative work. Every effort is put forth to take care of the patients' needs in the best possible manner. Dr. L. W. Strong (DC), USNR, heads the parodontal section, and through his efforts many cases of serious and painful oral infections have been successfully treated.

Assistance at the chairs in the operating rooms and in the clerical offices and laboratories is provided by trained corpsmen and Waves who are doing an excellent job. The chief of the Dental Service is Capt. Errol W. Willett (DC), USN, who has spent the past 28 years in the Navy. He stated that the Dental Department at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, is one of the finest in the Naval Service.

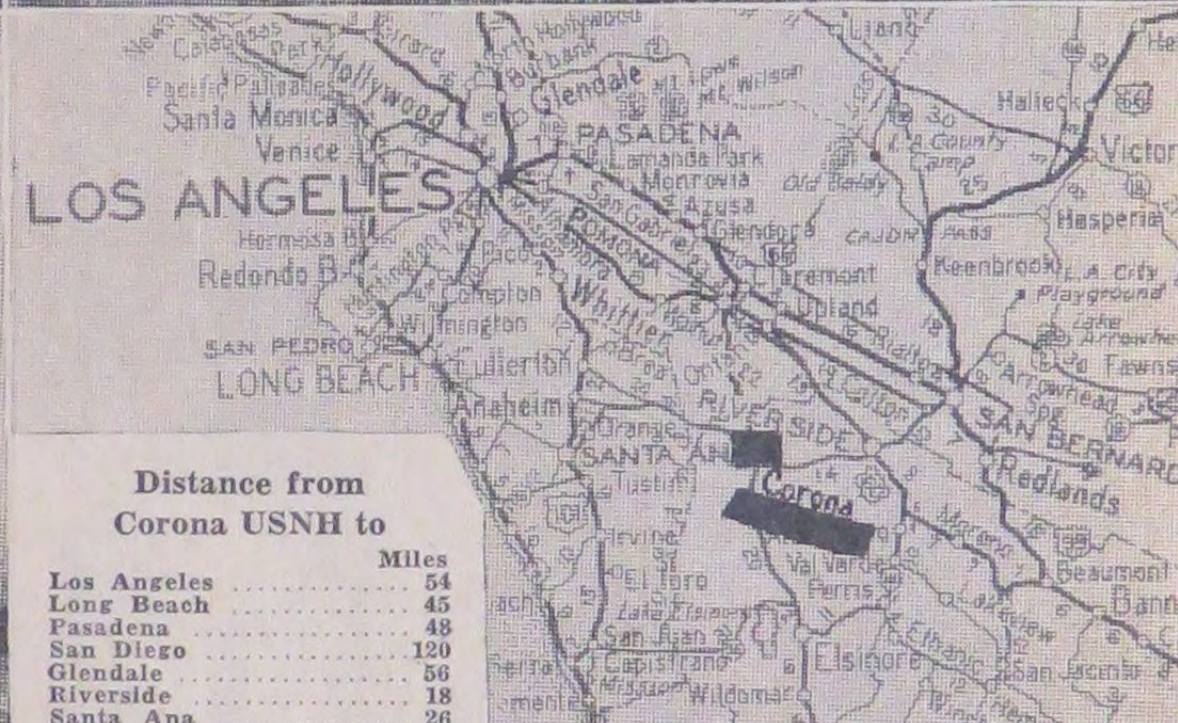
## THE WOLF - - - By Sgt. Sansone



"What else did he tell you?"



# Southern California Climate is One of Many Corona Attractions



Shown above are three views of what Southern California's U. S. Naval Hospital, Corona, has to offer in the way of scenic beauty and accommodations. Upper left is a full view of the main building, which provides space for administrative staff, wards and main dining room. Upper right, a view of the lake from the main building. Lower left, a general scene showing Unit Three, temporary buildings that are complete in every detail for comfort and care of patients.

To a prospective patient, perhaps the best thing that can be said about a hospital is that the patients like it, and that's easy to say about the Corona Naval Hospital. It's a big place, with a capacity of more than 4,500 patients. It's an attractive place, developed from the buildings and on the grounds of what used to be the exclusive (and expensive) Lake Norconian Club.

The hospital consists of four units, three of which are on the 700-acre grounds of the old Lake Norconian Club, with the fourth at Spadra, near the town of Pomona. Unit One, the main unit, includes the original club building, a California-Spanish type structure situated on a hilltop overlooking a lake and golf course. One side of this building opens onto a patio and a double outdoor swimming pool, open to both patients and staff personnel. On another side, extending down the hillside, an addition has been built housing a series of latest type hospital wards.

## Music at Mealtime

Unit One includes, in addition to the administrative offices, the department of Physical Medicine; Surgery; X-ray; E. E. N. T.; Dental Clinic; quarters for sick officers, nurses and Waves; a big dining-room (where music is played dur-

ing meals); an auditorium, for dances, movies and U. S. O. shows; library; billiard room; barber shop, and Ship's Service store. Most of the patients in Unit One are orthopedic and surgical cases, and others, like convalescent polios, who require extensive physical therapy treatment.

Stretching out from the foot of the hill are the frame ward buildings of Unit 3, occupied largely by rheumatic fever patients. A ramp connects this unit with Unit One, midway a new gymnasium and recreation hall are being constructed. Separated from these units by perhaps a half mile are the buildings which make up Unit 2, devoted to treatment of tubercular patients. All three units have Ship's Service and library facilities.

## Swimming and Golf

There are recreational facilities aplenty. In addition to the swimming pools and golf courses, there are tennis and badminton courts, table tennis, roque, archery, boating and fishing, right on the hospital grounds. Occupational therapy provides an outlet for hobbyists and home craftsmen. Educational Services Office provides courses of study—for those interested—in almost every field. Not far from the main gate is a riding stable, where

horses can be rented for picnics and other outings.

Liberty depends on the condition of each patient. When your ward doctor decides that you are well enough, you can get occasional liberty. When you are well enough to handle a light work detail you can get regular liberty. The nearest town is Corona, four miles away, where there is a U. S. O.

## Near Los Angeles

There is also direct bus connections with Los Angeles, where there are probably more recreational spots than you can visit during your entire stay here.

Los Angeles itself not only provides a wide range of entertainment, but it's within a short bus or trolley hop of Hollywood, Long Beach, Pasadena, Ocean Park, Santa Monica and Laguna Beach, where there are all varieties of boating and swimming. Service men get special consideration at the big NBC and CBS radio studios, as well as the motion picture studios.

Also within week-end range of the hospital is the famed resort of Arrowhead Springs, where film notables relax and service men enjoy water sports with the best of them.

## ATTENTION, WARD NURSES

This is the third of a series of articles to appear in "THE OAK LEAF" featuring various naval hospitals. It is suggested that a file of copies be maintained in your office for the benefit of patients who will be transferred.

## Department Changes

Several changes have been made recently in departments: Lt. (jg) Kershner, USN, has replaced Lt. Robichau as Bond and Housing Officer, while Pharm. C. E. Christley has been assigned as officer in charge of Medals and Awards. He also has the responsibility of Baggage Officer.

## HELP WANTED—

Girl wanted to stay with small child, evenings. Will give room and board and small weekly salary. Home located in Oak Knoll district. Contact Chaplain Kelly.

## BUS SCHEDULE

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.



## WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Rachel Bourgeois of Putnam, Connecticut, according to Danny Navarro, is the apple of his eye. He has had ample time to consider and arrive at this conclusion. Danny was an Aerial Gunner aboard a PB4 Y2 when he sustained injuries resulting in his being admitted to Oak Knoll with a broken neck Christmas Eve of last year.

## Off the Bookshelf

### Fiction Recently Added to the Hospital Library

#### Music for the Millions

Abbott: Approach to Music.  
Barton: Music as a Hobby: How to Have Fun With Music as a Performer.  
Bauer: Musical Questions and Quizzes: A Digest of Information About Music.  
Copland: What to Listen For in Music.  
Ewen: Music for the Millions: The Encyclopedia of Musical Masterpieces.  
Kaufmann: The Home Book of Music Appreciation.  
Levant: A Smattering of Ignorance.  
McKinney: The Challenge of Listening.  
Moore: Listening to Music.  
Oberndorfer: What We Hear in Music: A Course of Study in Music Appreciation and History.  
Samaroff Stokowski: The Lay-

### man's Music Book.

Siegmester: The Music Lover's Handbook.  
Spaeth: The Art of Enjoying Music.  
Spaeth: Music for Fun.  
Taylor: Of Men and Music.  
Welch: The Appreciation of Music.

### Music and Its Makers

Downes: The Lure of Music: Depicting the Human Side of Great Composers.  
Ewen: Dictators of the Baton.  
Hughes: The Biographical Dictionary of Musicians.  
Hughes: Music Lovers Encyclopedia.  
Lang: Music in Western Civilization.  
Stanford: A History of Music.  
White: Music and Its Story.  
Weinstock: Tchaikovsky.

### Modern Music

Copland: Our New Music: Leading Composers in Europe and America.  
Ewen: Men of Popular Music.  
Goffin: Jazz, From the Congo to the Metropolitan.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

**Music and Theatre**  
Geary—"The Bad Man," Leo Carrillo, 8:30 p.m.  
Curran—Starts Sunday night, Aug. 19.  
Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 8 p.m. Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.  
Civic Auditorium—Thursday, Aug. 14, dance, "Carlos Molina" in person and his Orchestra.  
**Cinema**  
Fox—"Anchors Aweigh," Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson.  
Orpheum—"A Thousand and One Nights," Cornel Wilde.  
United Artists—"G. I. Joe," Ernie Pyle's story.  
Golden Gate—In person, "Count Basie" on stage. "The Jump King of Swing."  
Esquire—"The Strange Affairs of Uncle Harry," George Sanders, Ella Raines. "The Woman in Green," Basil Rathbone.

### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)  
Ice Follies—Winterland, Post and Steiner, reached by Sutter, Geary or Fillmore cars. Playing through August, spectacular skating revue with outstanding skating stars. Starts at 8 p.m. Admission: \$1.20, \$1.80, \$2.40, \$3.  
Wrestling—Civic Auditorium, Grove and Larkin. Mat events Aug. 21, 28, at 8 p.m. Admission: \$1.65 and \$2 plus tax.  
Boxing—Civic Auditorium, Grove at Larkin. Events Aug. 20, 24, 31 at 8 p.m. Admission \$1.25 and \$3, plus tax.  
Baseball—Seals Stadium, 16th and Bryant. Reached by 19 car (Larkin st. line). Admission to servicemen 30c (grandstand) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturday afternoons.

### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.  
**Cinema**  
Fox-Oakland—"Where Do We Go From Here?" Fred MacMurray.  
Paramount—"Those Endearing Young Charms," Robert Young, Lorraine Day.  
Roxie—"A Thousand and One Nights," in Technicolor, starring Cornel Wilde.  
Esquire—"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," Gary Cooper, Claudette Colbert.  
Orpheum—"Dillinger," Lawrence Tierney.

### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Joaquin Miller Park  
Woodminster Amphitheater—The Victory Players, John M. Falls, Director, in "Gondoliers," Aug. 19. Thursday night, Aug. 23, Raoul Pause and Ballet Moderne.

### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-4 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KR 4-1561.

### BERKELEY

University of California—Institute of Music Series at Wheeler Auditorium. Sunday, Aug. 19, 8:15 p.m.: The University Explorer broadcast over Station KSFO. Program: "Atoms of War," the role of University scientists in the development of the atomic bomb.  
Monday, Aug. 20, 4:15 p.m.: Twenty-seventh in the series of official war films presented by the Department of Military Science and Tactics on the Berkeley campus. Program: "Battle of San Pietro," and combat bulletins from the war front.

### On the Compound

**Cinema (Auditorium)**  
Fri., Aug. 17—"Over 21," Irene Dunne.  
Sat., Aug. 18—"Three's a Crowd," Gertrude Michael.  
Sun., Aug. 19—"On Stage Everybody," Jack Oakie.  
Mon., Aug. 20—"Russian Revels" Stage Show, at the Amphitheater, 1730. Sponsored by USO Camp Shows, Inc. "Seven Days Leave," Victor Mature, 1930.  
Tues., Aug. 21—"You Came Along," Robert Cummings.  
Wed., Aug. 22—"Bedside Manner," Ruth Hussey.  
Thurs., Aug. 23—"Midnight Manhunt," William Gargan.  
Fri., Aug. 24—"Pride of the Marines," John Garfield.  
Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.  
Welfare and Recreation announce that there will be a two-hour ride every morning starting as of last Monday, August 13. The complete schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630. Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.  
Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:  
Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.  
**Sunday**  
1230-1500—Officers.  
1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Room C, Educational Services Office.

For: All Staff and Patient, Officer and Enlisted Personnel.

21 August—Lecture and Discussion: "Insurance," Mr. Elmer Zolner (Zolner Insurance Co.).

22 August—Lecture and Discussion: "The Building Trades," Mr. Thomas Cole (Central Trade School).

23 August—Lecture and Discussion: "What's Ahead in Labor Relations," Mr. J. Hunter Clark (Consult. Ind. Eng.).

24 August—Lecture and Discussion with Supplementary Films: "Post-war Agriculture," Mr. A. Shultis (Univ. of Calif.).



# BASE NOTES

★ Littlejohn of the Bag Room states that if anyone hears of a patient draft to Memphis please let him know about it.

★ Felix, StM of Comm. No. 1, has been voted the Watermelon Champ of Oak Knoll.

★ Cook Curran sure gets that happy look in his eyes when he dishes out that chow to the civilian employees at Comm. No. 1.

★ Mr. Taylor Ledbetter Huskins from the Main Gate is reported to be taking mysterious trips to the city. A certain young female admirer wants to know the details of his dark past and brilliant future. How about it, Sid?

Sight of the Week: That red-headed cook who is married to the cute blonde-headed Wave exchanging love beams at Comm. No. 1.

★ The girls of Patient Personnel are betting their shirts on whether Penny Cox, now confined to Ward 73B, will bear a son or daughter. (It could be twins, one of each, you know.)

★ Dan Marah of the Main Gate is not a believer in the saying that 13 is unlucky, because that is the day he picked to wed the girl of his dreams. Good luck. (Please notify the Oak Leaf of your Golden Wedding Anniversary, so that we may carry the story.)

★ We understand that some sort of a contest was entered into between Lt. Hardacker and Kingford at the Graphic Arts picnic. The question is, who won?

★ Why does Chief Copeland call Joyce Hartley "B. T. O.?" (Could that mean Big Time Operator?)

★ The boys at Transportation want to know more about this new method Joe Ataide has for obtaining liberty.

★ Phelps of the MAA force has returned from leave. Welcome home.

★ R. M. Smith has been voted the "Life of the Chow Line."

★ John Concannon of the General Delivery Window at the Postoffice, tells the one about the new Corpsman who has never received a letter, but after each call at the Postoffice leaves this parting remark, "Pardon me for wasting your time, sir."

★ G. M. Hoxworth of 50-B is wondering if current events will prevent him from attending V-5 at

## COAST GUARD NOTICE

New hours are now in effect at the Coast Guard Liaison Office. S1c Helen Keane, USCG (WR) will be on duty Monday through Friday from 12:30 on. Ens. R. A. Blair USCG (WR) will be on hand as usual Tuesday and Friday to be of service to the many members of the Coast Guard here at Oak Knoll.

Liberty, Mo. He is looking forward to going there soon.

★ D. O. Smith has finally landed a draft to St. Albans, N. Y. He is already worked up into such a nervous state that his friends are beginning to wonder if it's his folks he wants to see. Or could it be love?

★ Scoop: Jack Ferguson and Shirley Suter decided to become a two-some for life. They slipped away from their friends Friday, August 10 and had the wedding knot tied.

★ Sgt. Sartain (Corporal of the Security Guard), who went to Glenwood Springs, Colo., is being terribly missed by certain Marinettes attached to Oak Knoll. (Don't cry, girls.)

★ Lt. Adams of Physical Training Department returned from leave just in time to celebrate the end of the war.

★ Several Waves are angling for an introduction to that tall, dark and handsome tailor. Too many civilians?

★ Good wishes are extended to well-liked Chief PhM Chester Oxford, who is leaving the Provost Marshal's Office.

★ Mystery of the Week: Is Al Lim married to Ming Toy? She's that famous Chinese fan dancer over in the city. The boys in the Postoffice are dying to know.

★ Chief Weedman sure has a lot of celebrating to do these days. We hope that he is physically up to the job.

★ Varonic of Patient Personnel says that the Form 10 Department has a good start toward getting caught up on their work now that Lois has returned to work again.

★ Mystery of the Week: Do the Waves that helped paint the O.O.D.'s Office have Painters' Union Cards?

★ The question at the O. O. D.'s will now be "Am I in the right cage?"

★ Plenty of fun was enjoyed by the staff members of ENT Clinic and their families at the gala picnic held in Redwood Regional Park Wednesday August 1.

Medicos, Nurses, Waves and Corpsmen took full advantage of the opportunity to relax and enjoy themselves and Dr. Hollingworth proved himself a real California Don by his masterful exhibition of horsemanship.

Lovely Mary Powell (bride of 24 hours) pined for her mate who is awaiting transfer at Shoemaker. Gastrock was noticed staring at the moon too.

★ Sweet Scene of the Week: Mr. and Mrs. Meldon, she of Civilian Personnel, he of Captain Deering's office, enjoying those good steaks at Comm. No. 1.

★ Paul W. Stoudt, SK1c, in charge of the Information Window in the Disbursing Office, was called to his home in Pennsylvania, August 4th, due to the sudden death of his father. Paul's friends and co-workers join in extending their sympathy in his loss.

★ We are requested to advertise: If anyone finds a good pair of Ice Tongs, please contact R. I. Johnson at the Laundry.

★ Joe Rusk is expecting an increase in his family. He has just received word that his mother-in-law will arrive the 23rd.

★ Special Notice: The animal house now has a special breed of rabbit known as Brown Nose Rabbit. Visiting hours are 1300 to 1600.

★ Why is Dad Ekins so wild about gardenias? Ask the girl who owns one.

★ Busby's new bronze medal is dazzling the girls of Patient Personnel. (It's for Bowling, not loving girls.)

★ The walking Phenobarb (Alias the "Knob") is perfecting a new wolf call. . . . Tweet, Tweet.

★ The Legal Eagle, Lang, says that he hopes in greeting the victory we won't lose the peace. (Them's our sentiments, too, Lang.)

★ Is this situation between Melvina McDowell of 62A and Melvin J. Worth developing into one of those friendship forever deals?

★ Congratulations: To George E. Thomas of the Legal Assistance Office, who is now full lieutenant as of August 1st.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

### FOR SALE—

Set of Fog Lights, prewar, \$12.50.  
Frank Hillik, Phone EX. 193.  
R. R. coach ticket on "Challenger," San Francisco to Des Moines. 72-day limit, \$20. J. L. Clark, RM 1/c, 41-A.  
3-piece living room set (pre-war springs), bed divan.....\$115  
5-piece dinette set (pre-war) 35  
Baby crib, mattress, springs. 15  
2 rugs (9x12) .....each 5  
Baby bathinette ..... 5  
See Alfred Hugueny MaM 2/c, Postoffice, or furniture at 1211½ E. 23rd St.

75-lb. Ice Box in good condition. Phone E. C. Wilson, SW. 0625.

### FOR RENT—

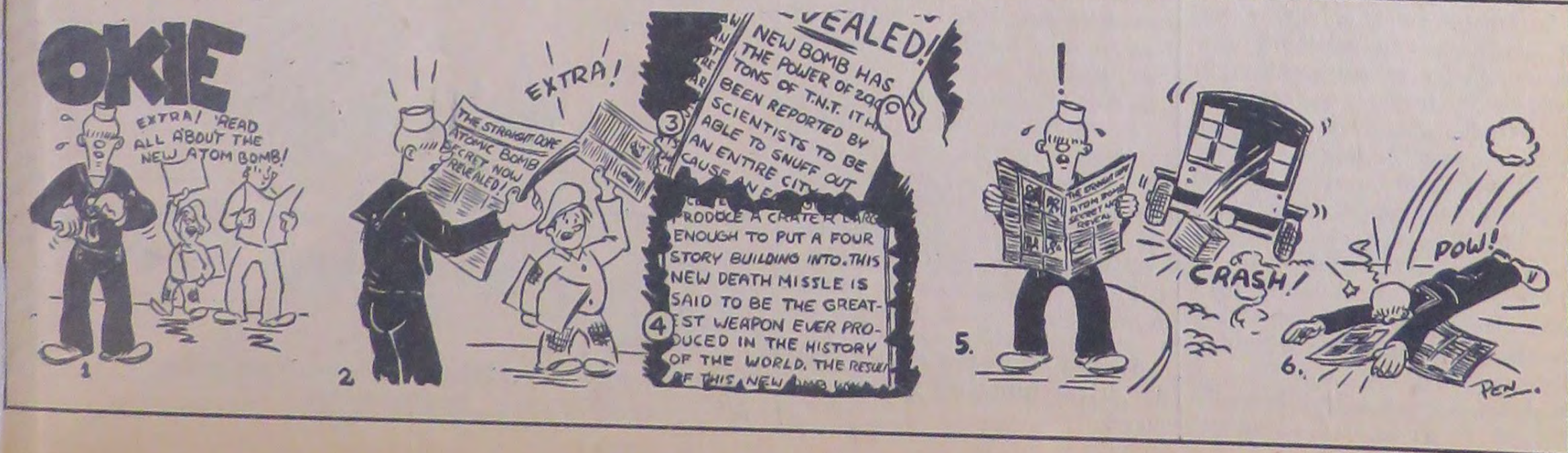
Room for one lady with Catholic family in Oak Knoll district. Only two women in home. Contact Chaplain Kelly.

### FOUND—

Red Shaeffer Fountain Pen. See "Nichols" at Transportation.  
Two (2) I. D. Bracelets. 1—Joseph R. Woods, 863-45-11 (gold plate). 2—Richard Shaw (silver). Call at Ward 79A.  
One small satchel, left in my car Tuesday, August 14. Only identification one large towel marked J. J. Webster. Owner call or see Frank Snor, 306 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, Calif. Call Landscape 5-9843. Space 52.

### WANTED—

Anyone from 231st Port Co., U. S. Marines, who was aboard the USS "Serpens" on the night of January 29 is asked to write to Mrs. Lillian M. Hopkins, State St., Box 667, Nunda, N. Y. Mrs. Hopkins' son, Cpl. Robert B. Hopkins, was reported missing after that battle off Guadalcanal. She would like to hear from someone who might have known him.  
To Rent—A 4 to 6-room unfurnished house, within moderate distance of Oak Knoll. Notify Francis A. Munson, Lt. (jg) MC, USNR, Ward 76A or Box 171.  
To Purchase—Peacoat, size 38 or 40. J. Marks, Ward 65B.





# The Sporting Scene

## Oak Knoll Waves Active in Sports

Two Oak Knoll Waves entered the Twelfth Naval District Field Day competition at Alameda. They made a grand showing despite the fact that they did not carry off the grand total.

Ensign R. Daly won her tennis match and Ensign L. Clark won the 40 yd. free style against eight other entrants. Waves from twelve activities were aboard the Alameda Air Station to enjoy a day of badminton, tennis, softball, and swimming. The day ended in a tour of the station and chow in the Waves' mess hall.

Watch Ensign Clark thrash her way to victory ahead of other Waves who are beginning to train for coming swimming meets.

### Compound Tennis Tournament

Call Ext. 263 or come to the Welfare and Recreation Office, 207 Community Service Building, or sign up with the specialist on duty at the athletic field gear house. Entrees will be accepted in women's singles, men's singles, mixed doubles and men's doubles.

### Compound Softball League

Play-offs during the week will decide who will be in the final game Thursday, 23 August, to win the Commanding Officer's Trophy. Teams trying for the trophy represent the Waves, Nurses, Cadets, Red Cross, and Civilian Office Workers.

### Volleyball League

A Women's Volleyball Tournament will start as soon as teams are organized.

### Waves Win 7-6

Waves' latest League game was with T. I. Waves there Monday, 13 August. Final standing of both teams:

Oak Knoll—11 hits, 5 errors, 6 strikeouts, 7 runs in.

T. I.—6 hits, 2 errors, 7 strikeouts, 6 runs in.

## Pin Men Celebrate

Sunday, August 12, members of the competing teams and families of Oak Knoll's Bowling League attended a special all-day get-together and picnic as guests of Welfare and Recreation.

Lt. Mastin, newly appointed head of Welfare and Recreation, presided as master of ceremonies. He awarded the trophies and medals to the winning teams and contestants of the current bowling season.

Winners of the coveted Medical Officer in Command Trophy, plus a gold medal for each member of the team, were the SP(A)'s.

Members of the winning team were: Hayne, Felix, Catalino and Reakes. In second place, winning a silver medal for each member of the team, were the boys from the Medical Storeroom—Hunstad,

Saunders, Edmonds and King. Third place was taken by the five-man team from Personnel—Peklewsky, Busby, Saunders, Henry and Brock.

For individual performances Dr. Harris took two top honors, winning the special gold award for

## TROPHY WON



A recent addition to the ever growing collection of trophies awarded to Oak Knoll's athletic department, is the Oakland Recreation Department's trophy awarded the "Pirates," Oak Knoll's crack Softball Team, winners of second place in the Oakland league. This as well as other trophies may be seen in the trophy display case near the O.O.D. desk in the Administration Building.

single championship high score and winning the gold award for the triple high score

Other winners in the single events were Haynes, who received the gold award for first place. Peklewsky was award the silver medal for second place, while Winters received the bronze award for third place.

A special vote of thanks was given to John Dobris PhM3c, who kept the league running smoothly. Although these awards close the current series in the Oak Knoll Bowling league, a new tournament is now being arranged. Contact John at the Bowling Alleys for further information.

A lot of auto wrecks result from the driver hugging the wrong curve.

## Welcome Aboard!

Saturday, 11 August, 45 newly graduated Corpsmen arrived from the Navy's largest Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.

From all indications these men will not face the possibility of having to apply what they have learned on the field of battle as have so many of their comrades in the past. But to these men will fall a duty as important as any battle field emergency, the caring for, and rehabilitating of, men who have suffered injuries which can't be cured by the signing of a treaty.

We welcome these new members of the Corps to our growing family:

Albert George Arams, John George Anker, Richard Lee Bachman, Irving Delwin Baldwin, Leonard Joseph Barone, John Edward Beecher, Leslie Leonard Belanger, Stephen Francis Billets, Kenneth "A" Blodgett, William Jorgensen Bowman, Sewell Tolby Bradley, Sheldon Bromberg, Howard Scott Burnett, Robert Leonard Burr, Richard Allan Bush, Omer Peter Charland, Russell Thomas Cole, Gerald Samuel Dougherty, Jr., Raymond Alfred Ducharme, Leo McKewen Facundus, Jr., Adolph Donald Fair, Andrew Cline Herbert, Bernard Victor Howell, James Henry Jones, Sr., Mark Joseph Jumonville, Richard Murphy Kellogg, Howard Melvin Levine, John Leo McDonald, Richard Leo McKay, Russell Gilbert McPhee, Paul Bowen Miller, Glen Ray Moosman, James Ewing Quinn, Herman John Richards, Wilbur Merrill Ruth, Lawrence Stanley Sadick, Thomas Barton Sallander, Paciane Manuel Sanchez, La Vern Roger Schander, Charles Albert Schaub, Thomas Frederick Scragg, Jr., Rodey Albert Whitehair, Donald Caryle Whittaker, William Stoddard Wightman, Edward Robert Williams.

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## Officers

### Coming

Ch. Pharm. Newland B. Walker, USN; Lt. (jg) Francis Fun Chung Wong (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) John F. Montione (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) Stanley Diamond (MC) USNR; Lt. Eugene J. Hanovon, Jr. (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) Quinten Scherman (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) Otto J. Neufeld (MC) USNR; Lt. Comdr. Hale A. Haven (MC) USNR.

### Going

Ch. Pharm. Henry E. Van Hoorebeck (HC) USNR; Lt. C. L. Bendickson (DC) USNR; Lt. Wilfred D. A. Robichau (HC) USN; Lt. (jg) Thomas N. Elmendorf (MC) USNR; Cmdr. Jesse T. Nicholson (MC) USNR; Lt. Gerald F. Dederick, Jr. (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) John J. McKenna (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) William H. Clark (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) Charles R. Baker (MC) USNR; 2nd Lt. Kimball Herrick, USMCR; Lt. Comdr. John W. Marsh (MC) USNR; Lt. (jg) James H. Pass (MC) USNR.

Smooth sailing to all hands.  
NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., U.S.N.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



The buttons are just tradition, it seems that Lord Nelson had 13 weeks of Boot Camp.





# THE OAK LEAF



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Saturday, 25 August, 1945

## Don't Pack Your Gear Yet, Mate!

"When do I go home?"—the question of the hour on the compound—was the subject of a recent ALNAV received here. While it did not offer much hope for the immediate demobilization of medical and hospital corps personnel, it must be remembered that the formula may change as the situation alters.

The gist of the ALNAV as it concerns the hospital is this: While a point system has been established to determine eligibility for discharge, it does not as yet apply to patients or to the majority of ranks and rates represented on the staff here.

Listed as not eligible at the present time are the following classifications: Specialists (C), (S), (I), and (X); SK(D), MaM, PhM, HA (MC), (HC), (H), Ch. Pharm. and Pharm. and (NC).

## Rabbits Have Habits, Mouses Have Houses—We Have Both

Did you know that rabbits have habits, mouses have houses, and guinea pigs, more guinea pigs? Well, they do; and these are just some of the observations of Frank Wilbur, R. L. Morris, J. J. Finn, and L. G. Merrill, the boys who take care of the animal house and experimental lab.

Their work is fun and interesting. It is their job to inoculate the animals with various toxins and record their reactions. They have injected serum into mice and rabbits for everything from ingrown toe-nails to cases of acute hepatitis. Yes, these fellows are the backbone of medical research on the compound.

Sixty-four guinea pigs, 25 rabbits, and about 40 mice comprise their collection. Incidentally, the inmates of this zoo are changed from week to week. The only animal kept as a permanent guest is their pet, Jodi. Jodi is a large female rabbit who attached herself to the boys and refused to leave. She was indulged and has been on hand for several months.

There is no routine in the animal house because there is always something out of the ordinary happening. Last week the staff spent an hour chasing one of the white mice that somehow managed to get out of his cage. This was only the day after Frank Wilbur was attacked by a ferocious rabbit. By the way, the rabbits in

this ward are not too particular, they'll bite officers as well as enlisted men. Dr. Barron discovered that.

Now the question that puzzles us is whether or not there is a future in raising mice, rabbits, and guinea pigs. We can readily see where they are of tremendous value in medicine, but we don't visualize their usefulness in other fields. However, the animal keepers told me that they are seriously thinking of dabbling with the creatures after the war. They of-

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## Your Faith in War Bonds Hastened U. S. Victory

The cost to the American people of defeating the Nazi was approximately \$275,000,000,000, according to the Treasury. Of this tremendous amount, \$109,000,000,000 was financed through the purchase of War Bonds.

## Fleet Reservists Over 42 May Transfer Now

A recent ComThree letter states that Fleet Reservists over 42 years of age may be transferred to their home naval districts in a duty status for release from active duty with delay authorized en route. Such transfers shall be made at Government expense.

## Public Extended Invitation to Attend Citation Ceremony Here Sept. 1

Adding a new note to the Citations Ceremony scheduled for Saturday, September 1, at 1300, it has been announced that the public will be invited to attend. The colorful event will take place, as usual, in Gendreau Circle and adequate parking space will be provided for the civilian guests.

### 14 Men to Be Honored

Our medical officer in command, Capt. A. H. Dearing, will make the

presentations, with Capt. L. R. Reynolds, executive officer, reading the citations. Fourteen men are scheduled to be honored with decorations ranging from the Navy Cross to the Purple Heart Medal.

### Goff to Get Navy Cross

Pvt. William A. Goff, USMCR, will receive the Navy Cross and to Lt. Gordon A. Gabbert, USNR, will go the Distinguished Flying Cross. Pfc. Joseph D. O'Brien will be awarded a Gold Star for his second Bronze Star, and Silver Stars will go to Pfc. Robert D. Goode, S2c William R. Hays, Pfc. Jay J. Holt and Cpl. Clyde Shivers, Jr.

### Staff Officer Included

Our own provost marshal, Pharm. Timothy P. Fitzgerald, will receive the Navy Unit Commendation, as will S1c John R. Ewing. Bronze Stars go to S1c Harry J. Ariza and HA1c David K. Hawkins.

The Presidential Unit Citation will be awarded to PhM2c John L. Downey, CMM Benny A. Johnson, and WT1c John Sawosko, and in addition Downey will receive the Purple Heart.

## Oak Knoll Gets Oranges As Gift

Three hundred and seventy boxes of delicious Valencia oranges have been received at Oak Knoll and have been adding a zestful tang to our regular meals and to between-meal snacks in the wards.

These oranges were grown in the orchards on the property of the Texas Company at Fillmore, Calif., and were sent to us through the courtesy of B. O. Connor, manager of the Refining Department, 929 South Broadway, Los Angeles.

We thank you, gentlemen!

## Here's Medical Corps—Jap Style



This is the U. S. Naval Hospital, Guam. Posed before it is the Japanese staff that operated it during the short period it was under enemy control. This photo was taken from the body of a Jap medical officer by a patient now at Oak Knoll, who was one of the first Americans to return to Guam.



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## ● Keep Buying Bonds!

With the cessation of hostilities there has been a sudden and, we think, unjustified drop in the purchase of War Bonds. Unjustified not only from the point of view of our national welfare but also from the point of view of the individual's self-interest.

The cost of the war did not end with the capitulation of the Japanese Empire; that cost will be with us for many years to come. Your bonds meet this cost and are a sure brake on the inflation that threatens the post-war world.

From the personal point of view there is more incentive to save the maximum than ever before for the following reasons:

(a) Financial preparation for the transition period in employment.

(b) Store up purchasing power for a time when quality goods will reappear on the market at fair prices.

(c) Prepare for family readjustments for a son or dependent returning from the service or wives returning to housework.

## Welcome Aboard, Shipmates!

The events of last week will long be remembered by most of us, because they marked the end of World War II, but to 43 Hospital Corpsmen and 16 Waves it will also be remembered as the week in which they arrived at Oak Knoll to begin their career in the Hospital Corps.

To these 43 men from San Diego and 16 Waves from Bethesda, Md., we sincerely extend our hand in greeting, and say "Welcome Aboard, Mate."

Waves—Agnes S. Bensick, Florence C. Brewington, Elinor F. Carlson, Helen M. Coogan, Virginia L. Eddy, Lucille R. Fisher, Marylou P. Frey, Mildred D. Jackson, Charlotte A. Lange, June A. Manhart, Eve L. Milkovich, Jeanne L. Mottram, Elineen T. Stieber, Elizabeth A. Swantex, Dorothy V. Truitt and Mary Alice Yelland.

Corpsmen—Eugene Robert Abel, Boyd Martin Anderson, Richard Reed Andrews, William Andrew Ardeson, Charles John Ashdown, Donald Moore Babcock, Gerald Robert Birka, Morton Harry Blumenthal, Joseph Paul Denise, Thomas Wentworth Dohn, Patrick James Douglas, George Hamilton Ewing, Eugene Ficeto, George Fieszar, Jr., Edwin Ross Gaskell, Thomas Woodrow Gimer, Marland LeRoy Grant, John William Hansard, Norman Harold Ironside, George Bernard Johnson, Isidore Kanter, Daniel Harold Lasar, Don-

ald Edwin Lowe, Donald Crawford MacDonald, Clifford William Mack, Joseph James Madison, Clyde Drexel Magness, Robert Dene Mallory, Eugene Jules Marty, Jr., John Francis McGrath, James Harper McKnight, George John Moore, Robert John Olson, Charles J. Raffensperger, Murray Henry Ross, John Connell Shields, James Oliver Turner, Jr., Charles Theodore Walker, Stanley Chester White, Theodore Wilson, George William Wood, Wayburn Yuen, Laurence N. Burke.

Signed:

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., U. S. N.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

## Officers

### Coming . . .

Lt. Cmdr. Russell Fletcher (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Edward R. Smith (MC), USNR; Lt. Frederic P. Shidler (MC), USNR; Lt. Berlyn V. Farris, ChC, USNR; 2nd Lt. Eldon M. Drake, USMCR; Lt. (Jg) Ralph H. Bowman (MC), USNR; Warrant Officer Robert E. Trometter, USMC; Lt. William S. Stryker (MC), USN; Lt. Fountain C. Beattie, Jr. (MC), USNR.

### Going . . .

Lt. (Jg) Charles G. Mundorf H(S), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Joseph F. Jones, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. Comdr. Lawrence E. Brown (MC)V-S, USNR; Lt. Comdr. Ernest R. Barron H(S), USNR; Lt. (Jg) George H. DeMay (MC), USNR; 1st Lt. William R. Ash, USMCR; Lt. Roderick A. I. Thompson (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) John P. Evans (MC), USNR; Lt. Gerald L. Crenshaw (MC), USNR; Lt. (Jg) Daniel M. Brown (MC), USNR; Lt. Henry P. Koehler (MC), USNR.

## Energetic Maid Handles Two Important Jobs

Our nomination for the Oak Leaf Cluster this week goes to blonde and pretty June Anderson, a civilian employee in the Post Office Directory, located on the third deck of Building 1. The story on June is this: She handles two man-sized jobs in the war effort.



June Anderson

A student at the University of California, June last fall heeded the call for civilian employees desperately needed by the Navy for duty here at Oak Knoll. It was not long until she was visiting on the wards in her spare time doing what she could to cheer the wounded GI's and it was then that she decided to enlist as a

## Self-Study Courses Available

Self-study courses in correspondence courses at the high school and college level have been acquired by the Educational Services Department and are available upon request from that office, Topside Marine Detachment Building. These books include the following subjects:

Shoe Repair Shop, Metal Working Shop, Art Masterpieces, Psychology in Life, Managing a Farm, Mathematics of Insurance (Insurance, Stocks and Bonds), American Politics and Social History.

First woman: Gracious, it's been five years since I've seen you last. You look lots older.

Second woman: Really, my dear? I don't think I would have recognized you if it wasn't for the coat.

Nurse's Aide. Her hours now run thus: 0800 to 1630, civilian employee at Oak Knoll; 1800 to 2100, Nurse's Aide.

June confesses that the Navy has made quite an impression on her. In fact, her whole future is now centered on a certain lad in Navy Blues.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### What's Wrong With the World—It's Me!

Recently, when I was in the barber shop, I found out in no uncertain terms what was the matter with the world in general and the rational system in particular. But a glance in the mirror made me wish I had gotten less information and more professional attention. I also had my old car repaired and while I was in the garage the mechanic was very generous with praise about his ability, but it later developed that the repairs had to be repeated because of poor workmanship.

Why is it that we are always so gifted with criticism for others and so ready with praise for ourselves? It is so easy to see another's faults but so hard to conceive that anything could possibly be wrong with me.

If the rest of the world behaved as I do, would the world really be a better place to live? Do I treat others as I would actually like to be treated? When I am really honest with myself I know that there is some room for improvement. After all, I never will be called upon to answer for the mistakes of my fellows, but each day, of necessity, I must answer for my own. The old negro spiritual has much to commend to us. "It's not my brother, nor my sister, but it's me, O Lord standing in the need of prayer."

CHAPLAIN HENRY M. LARSEN

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen, E. A. Day.  
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.  
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.  
L. D. S. (Mormon):  
All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
Confessions Before all Masses.  
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Carl Straus, Ext. 261.  
Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



## Our Doctor



**Lt. Cmdr. Frances B. Richman  
U.S.N.R.**

A gracious lady as well as an outstanding specialist in her field is Lt. Cmdr. Frances B. Richman of the EENT Clinic in 45B. Not only has she studied and travelled extensively but she has also raised two sons who are now doing their bit in the service.

### New to Navy

Quite new in the Navy, Cmdr. Richman comes to Oak Knoll from Las Vegas, Nevada, where she was engaged in private practice as an Ophthalmologist. She admits that she has enjoyed her first taste of Navy life and points out that on the day she entered the service, August 8, they started talking peace. She did not, however, profess to see any connection.

### Specializes in Ophthalmology

Cmdr. Richman is a graduate of the New York Medical College and took post-graduate work in Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat at the University of Vienna, in 1926. She practiced in Brooklyn and New York and took her American Board in Ophthalmology in 1932.

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ferred me a very reasonable explanation for their whim. They pointed out that people eat Welsh rabbit. It is up to someone to concoct some kind of a dish in which mice or guinea pigs would prove edible. Further, they pointed out that there might be a big profit in the furs of these little animals.

They went on to tell me that the creator of Peter Rabbit, made a fortune out of bunnies. Morris then said, "Look what Walt Disney did with a mouse. Why can't we be the fellows who make a million out of guinea pigs?"

With those words ringing in his ears, your reporter finished the interview, wished them all the luck in the world, and walked out of their asylum—er—I mean, laboratory. . . .

Her research work has included work on "Examination of New Born Infants' Eyes" for which she examined 1500 new born infants here and abroad as a basis for the article. Her travels took her to London, Rotterdam, Cairo and other cities both abroad and here.

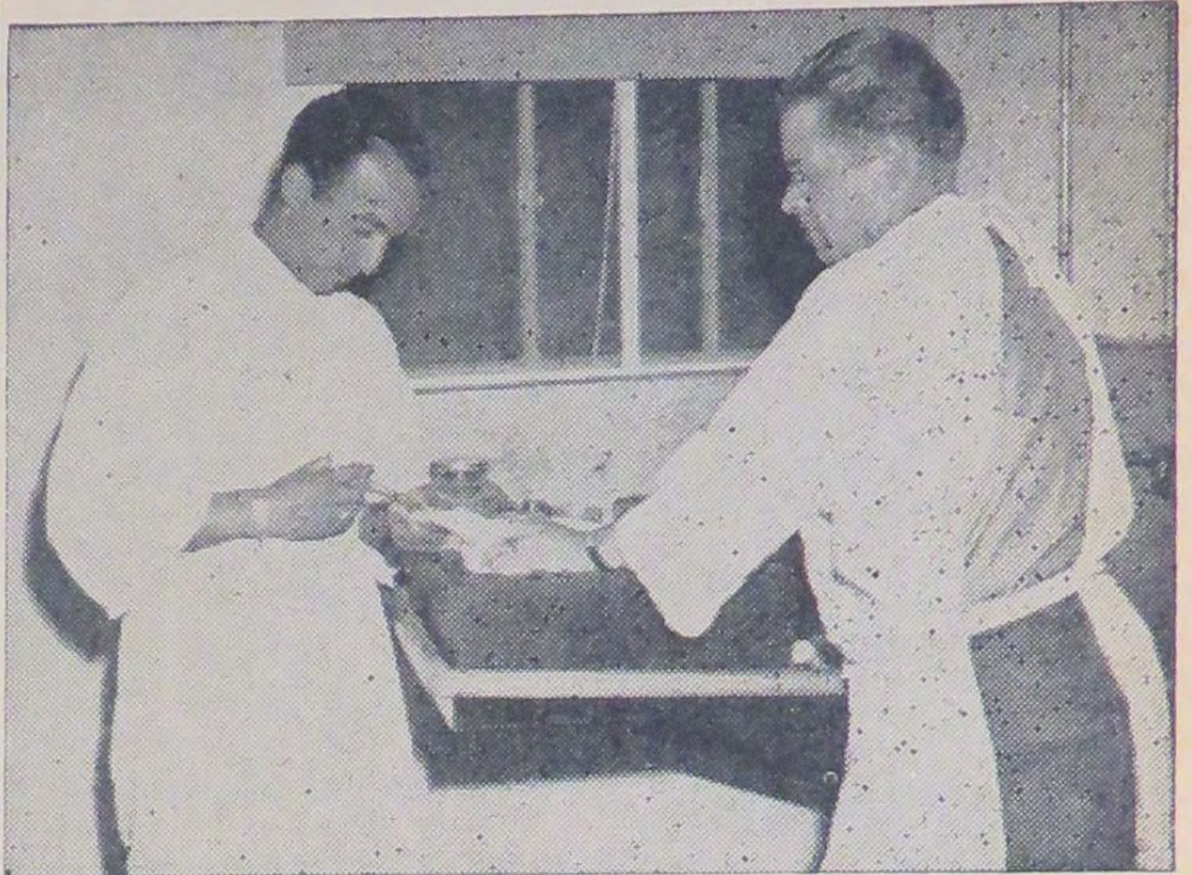
She still remembers vividly the royal entertainment provided her and other medics by King Farouk of Egypt. He proved a gracious and opulent host and they were present at a gala performance in his private theatre.

### Worked in Labrador

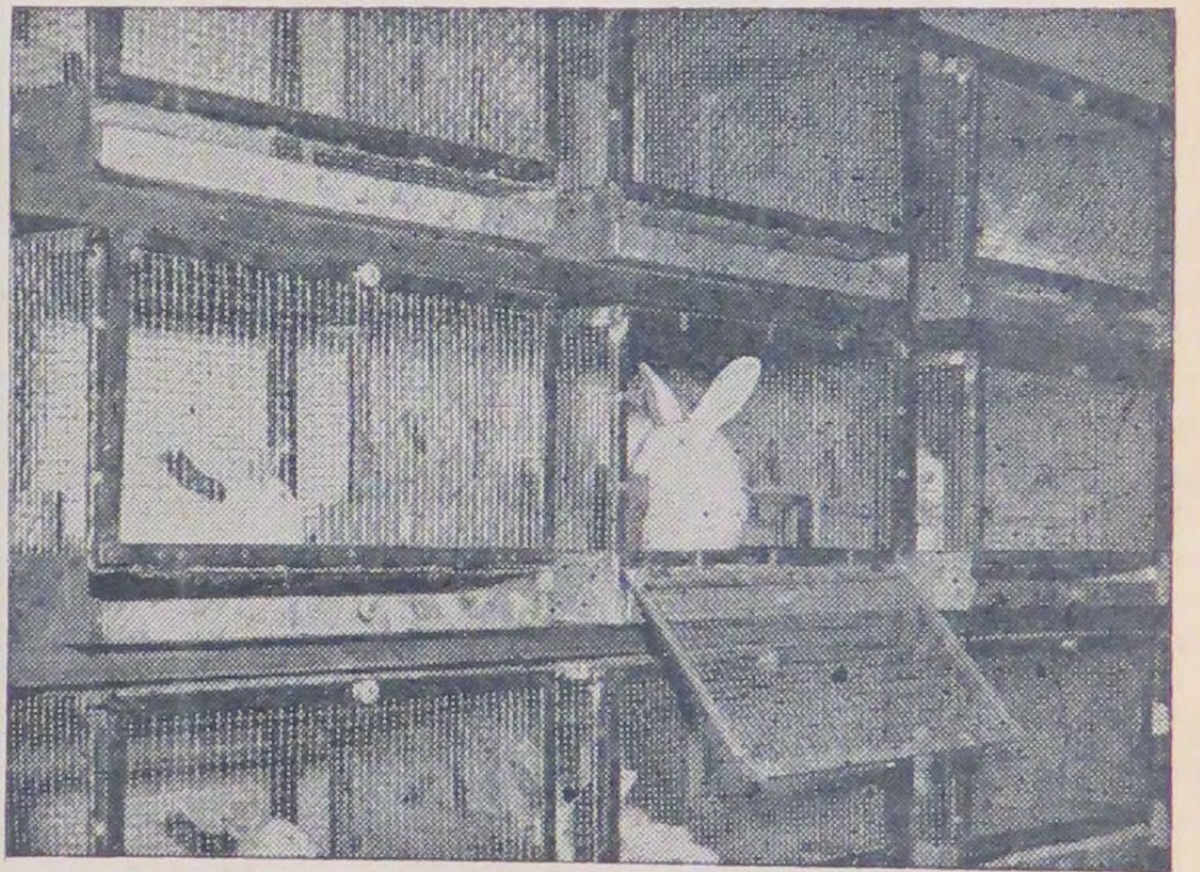
By way of contrast, in 1939 she was Ophthalmic Surgeon at the Grenfell Mission Hospital in Labrador, where she was associated with the venerable and distinguished founder who died in 1942.

Her two sons are divided equally between the services, Robert being an Army Medical Corps Captain at Fort Benning and Edward a Naval Lieutenant on Pacific duty.

## Lowly Rabbits Are Aid to Medical Science



Two of the corpsman caretakers in the experimental laboratory inoculate a rabbit in the never-ending fight of Medical Research against disease. The rabbit's reactions will be closely studied and tabulated.



Jodi, star boarder of the laboratory, poses for a picture in her one-room apartment. "Mrs." Jodi simply refuses to move and has been a resident here for several months now.

## In the Evening, by the Moonlight, You Could Smell the (?) Cooking



Members of the Graphic Arts Department journeyed last week to the semi-wilderness of the foothills to enjoy an old-fashioned picnic and barbecue. The setting really brought out the pioneer spirit in many ways. Games, contests, and good food were the order of the day.



## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Guadalcanal Vet Lives to Enjoy Life, Thanks to Medics

From body and fender work to master technical Sergeant in the Marine Corps to watch repairing shows more than just average versatility. But that is exactly the course that MT Sgt. Cletus F. Ebersole has followed. It is hard to write about Ebersole and not infuse the sentences with "vim,

toona, or a 30 day leave. But the days sped by quickly and when his leave was up he reported to the Mojave Desert for eight months training with VMF124 (V means heavier than air, just in case you were wondering). August 1944, he shipped out again to the Marine base on Oahu, for extensive carrier practice work. Ebersole was now a sergeant.

## Struck by Propeller

One balmy, soothing day, as only days in the Hawaiian Islands can be, Ebersole was working on a Corsair. The engine was off as he turned and walked away from it. Suddenly the engine kicked over and the whirling propeller hit him in the back. The impact threw him 35 feet in the air and he landed face downwards. The kick over, it was later found out, was caused by a faulty switch and a short in the engine. It was apparently nobody's fault—just one of those things. When he was hit by the propeller, it swung up between two other men who were standing beside him. They weren't hurt at all but Ebersole was, and hurt badly. He said that he knew something was wrong but just what it was he didn't know.

As he lay on the airstrip, in shock and just able to talk a little, he was given two blood transfusions and then taken to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Aiea Heights. They packed Ebersole's torn backside and were only able to stop the flow of blood after they had used 37 4by4's (those little demon things that the wives of the staff, under Mrs. Dearing make every week down at the Officer's Club). Apparently the 4by4's did their trick, and then Capt. H. K. Gray went to work and sorted the pieces that were left.

## Pelvic Bones Broken

The propeller had just missed the base of Ebersole's spine, but his pelvic bones were broken down the side and through the middle and many of the pelvic structures, including the bladder, exposed. With a Stader splint he was pushed together again and a 22 pound weight applied to his leg for traction. It was eight days before Ebersole regained consciousness and then for three months he couldn't move a muscle below his waist. Finally in February, 1945, Ebersole was flown by Pan American from Honolulu to the U. S. Naval Hospital at Oakland.

Ebersole still has the open wound in his back and there are some ticklish and difficult surgical procedures ahead of him. He has already had a great deal of plastic



Sgt. Cletus F. Ebersole

vigor, and vitality" for that is just what he represents. He is one of the pleasantest souls to meet and to talk with, and if you don't think so just visit him in 75B. It is a treat and pleasure and you will want to go back again.

## Saw Action on 'Canal

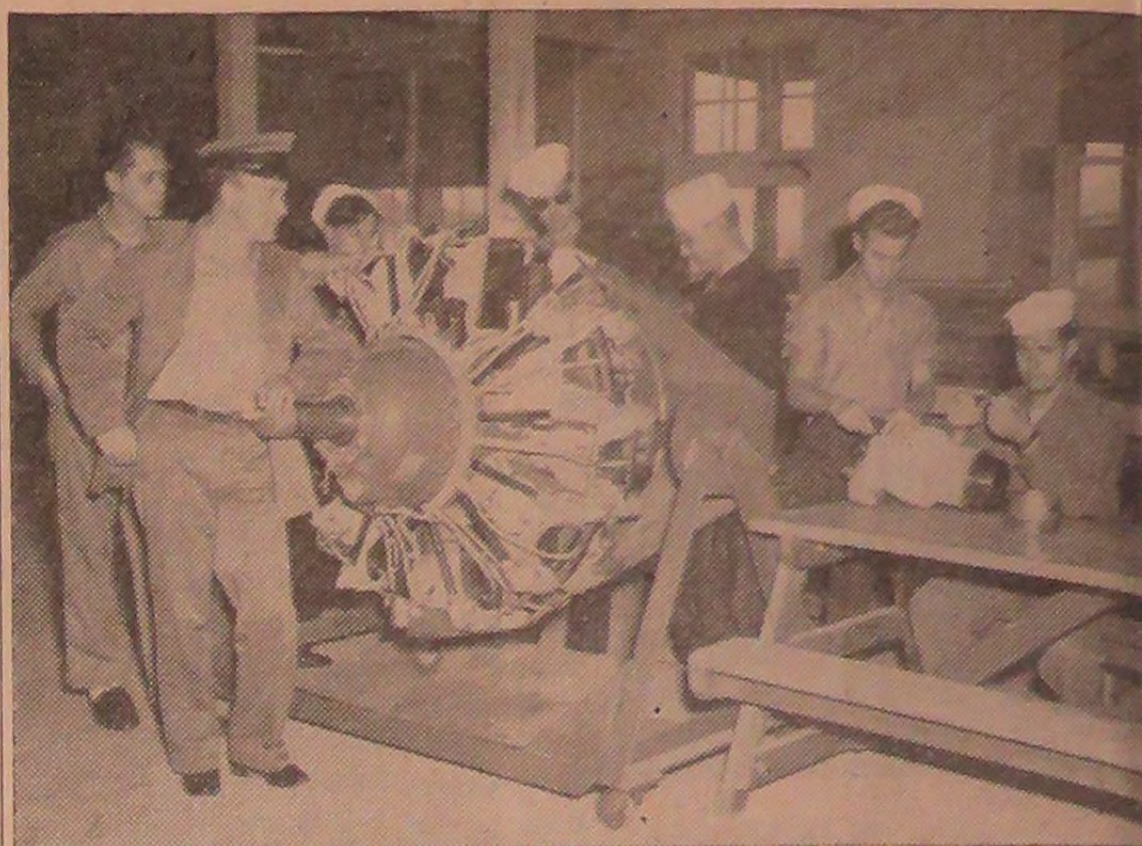
Guadalcanal was not securely ours until February 1943. Up until that time the Marine Corps sent in replacements and continued to do so at a great cost in manpower. So many men didn't come back; it was a one way trip for too many of them. One Marine did come back from Guadalcanal and he is the subject of this week's story.

Along in August 1942, Ebersole enlisted in the Marine Corps in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He had finished high school in Morrison's Cove in 1939, and then attended a trade school from which he went to work with S. Hite & Sons in Altoona, in their body and fender department. Ebersole said that he liked the work a great deal for he was doing things with his hands as well as his mind. In the Marine Corps he passed through Parris Island, Cherry Point and then on to Camp Kearney (San Diego) from which point he shipped out in November, 1942, to Guadalcanal and Espiritu Santo as a PFC. He was gone 11 months.

## Went Out for Second Time

Christmas 1943, and Ebersole was home with his family in Al-

## Add Gas and Diesel Engines to Shop



Inspecting the new Pratt & Whitney Airplane Engine, newest addition to the Motor Mechanic and Diesel Engineering class in Building 102, are Chief MoM G. C. Smith, MoMM1c L. H. Korpi, S2c T. D. Linsey and several other interested parties.

Much has been written of the advantages offered to patients via the Educational Service Office located in building 133, but it was not until the other day when this writer noticed a large truck backed to building 102 with a giant motor dangling from an enormous crane, that the Oak Leaf decided to investigate further.

Captain Dismukes, USMC, was the man who answered most of our questions. We discovered that the motor in question was a Pratt and Whitney engine, used on many of our most successful fighter planes. We also learned that in the very near future a giant Diesel Gray Marine and Hercules engines will arrive.

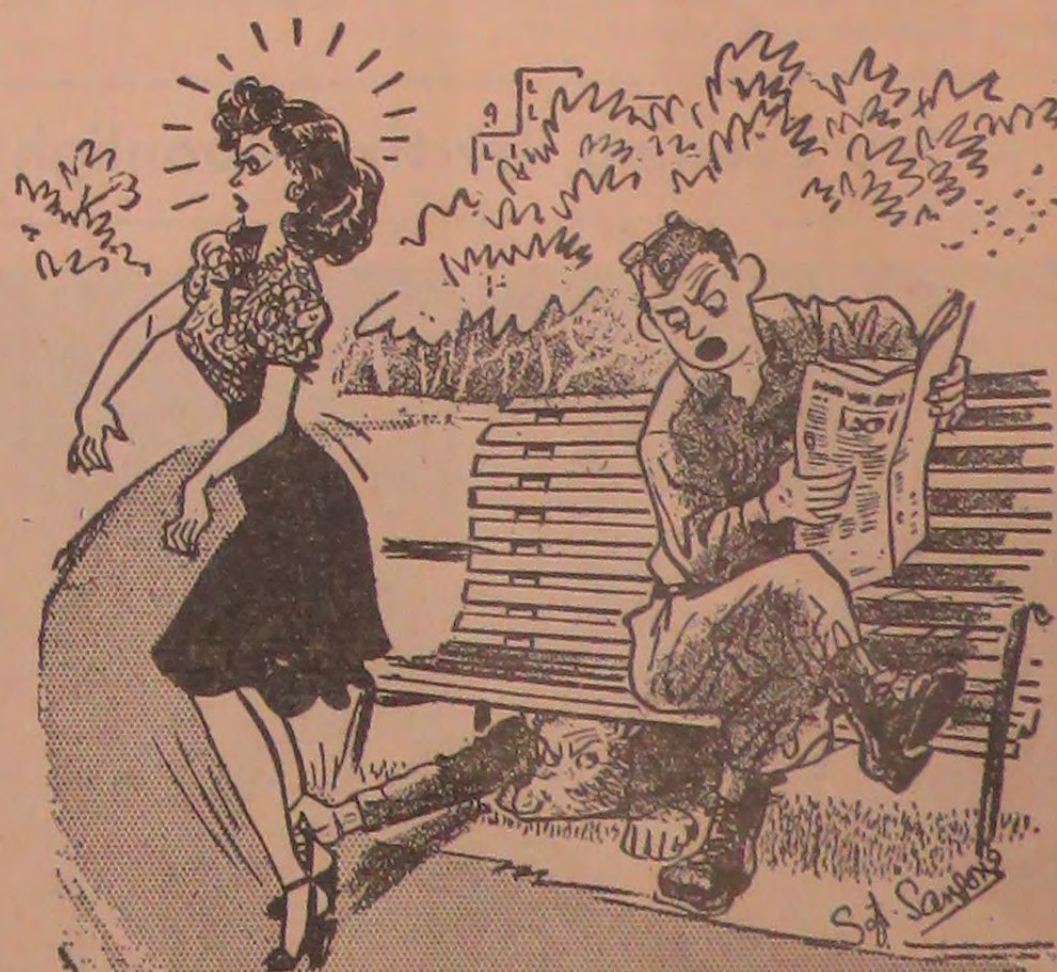
It is all part of a plan to have one of the finest motor mechanic and Diesel classes possible right here at Oak Knoll. Not only will the members of these classes learn the active principles from books, but they will have the opportunity to actually work on these engines and see for themselves what makes them tick.

Even though you are not interested in signing up for a course, drop in at building 102 and see for yourself the modern shop that is being assembled. It's our guess that the bug will bite many of you, the same as it did your reporter.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"You have some very annoying habits!"

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# Attention Marines! Klamath Falls Is Neither Hospital Nor Rest Camp



Beautiful scenery . . . and good company.



The barracks are situated in a picturesque valley.

The Marine Barracks is situated on a high, rocky trail over which passed the wagons of pioneers and the troops which while stationed at Fort Klamath fought the Modoc Indians in the lava beds to the south. Klamath Falls is the center of a rich agricultural and timber empire of Southern Oregon and Northern California. It lies in mountain-lake country approximately midway between San Francisco and Portland, 130 miles inland from the Pacific shoreline. The city is 63 miles from Crater Lake and is the hub of all-year-round highways connecting Ashland and Medford to the west, Salt Lake City in the east, San Francisco and Los Angeles southward and Portland to the north. It is a city of nearly 30,000 persons.

## Facilities for Marines

The residents of Klamath Falls are engaged in an expansive hospitality program for Marines. You will find that one of the chief attractions is the Commando Center on Main Street, a young woman's organization providing games, sandwich bar, music and other features. Bowling alleys, dances at the Klamath Falls armory, theater facilities, golf courses, riding academies, skiing in the nearby Crater Lake National Park and hunting and fishing are among the other attractions.

The primary mission of the Marine Barracks at Klamath Falls

is to provide gainful employment in the military, recreational and educational activities throughout a 3-month period during which Marines returned from overseas service are observed and treated

approximately 80 per cent of all men have been found ready for full duty after one 13-week cycle, and the majority of the remainder during a second cycle. Primarily, the Post functions not as a con-

even while under treatment, particularly if his outbreak is light, he is kept at some form of light duty.

Under this program each man finds himself getting graded physical and military training, lectures and courses in typing, languages and manual arts. Toward the end of the training period those patients who have made adequate recovery are sent off on hikes, sometimes lasting ten or twelve days. Incidentally, the physical activities record at the Post includes the fact that the camp football team, composed of "patients" was one of the best service teams on the West coast last season!

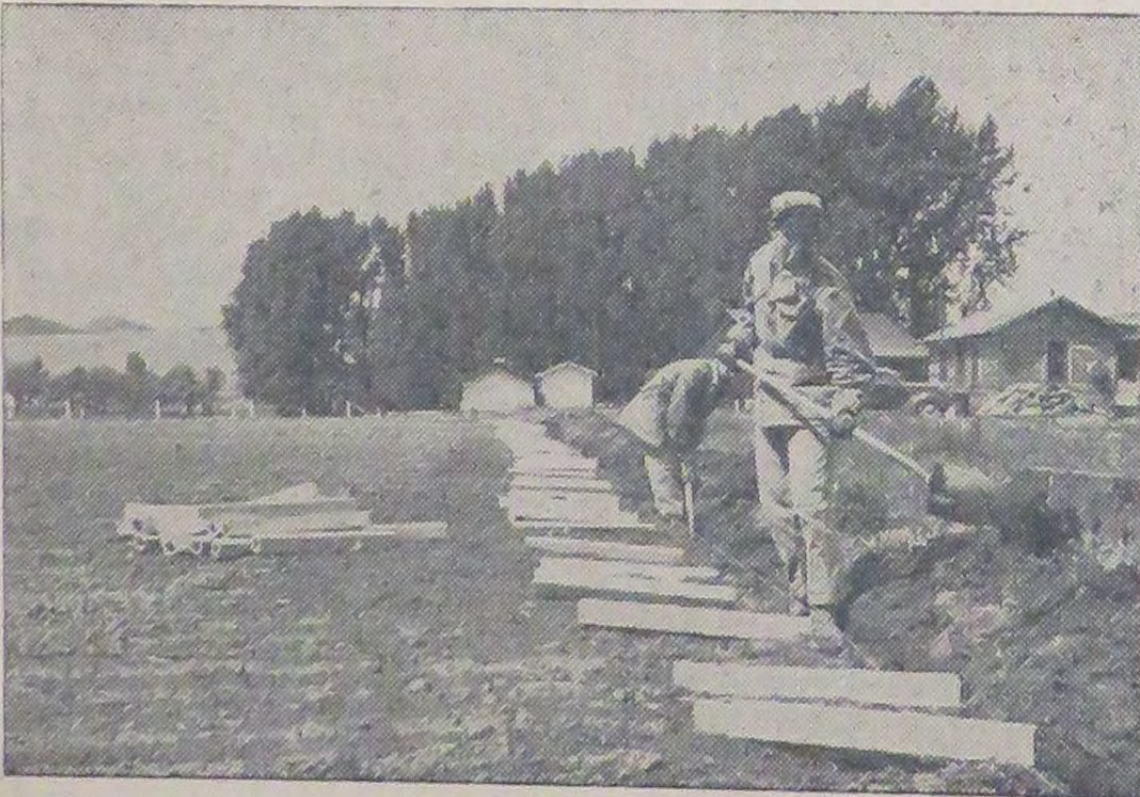
## Individual Attention Received

Marine Barracks, Klamath Falls, in appearance and program more similar to a university than to a typical Marine training camp, is unique in many ways and is the first military installation in any service where the line and medical staff function in combination to restore servicemen from medical incapacities, while at the same time continuing the serviceman's professional training and further

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Winter features skating and real snow.



There is work to be done, also.

with the purpose of returning these men as rapidly as possible to a full duty status. One week of this training cycle is devoted to indoctrination and fitting out. Since the program was activated

valescent nor as a rehabilitation center but as a duty station. Outwardly it is like any other Marine establishment. Naturally when a man has a recurrence of his illness he is put on the binnacle list but

## ATTENTION, WARD NURSES

This is the fourth of a series of articles to appear in "THE OAK LEAF" featuring various naval hospitals. It is suggested that a file of copies be maintained in your office for the benefit of patients who will be transferred.



Within visiting range are many lakes.



Hiking is recreation . . . and work too.



## WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Dolores M. Gray of Stow, Ohio, is the lovely lady Coxswain Paul J. Eisenman, U.S.N., found well worth fighting for in the South Pacific. Dolores did her bit in the war effort as a riveter in an aircraft plant in Akron, Ohio, while Paul served aboard an APA until he was wounded off Luzon. He has received the Purple Heart and a Presidential Citation.

## Off the Bookshelf

If you are tired of trying to understand atomic bombs, radar, reconversion, and the point system, why not rest your mind with some of the hospital library's lighter-than-air literature?

### No Reading Required

Arno: *Man in the Shower*.  
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Baker: *The Sad Sack*.  
Collier's: *Collier's Collects Its Wits*.  
Craven: *Cartoon Cavalcade*.  
Dahl: *Dahl's Cartoons*.  
Dahl: *What! More Dahl?*  
d'Alessio: *Welcome Home!*  
Darrow: *You're Sitting on My Eyelashes*.  
Goldberg: *The Rube Goldberg Plan for the Post-War World*.  
Hatlo: *They'll Do It Every Time*.  
Hatlo: *Blondie*.  
Hoff: *Feeling No Pain*.  
Humfreville: *Alfred Ahoy!*  
Johnson: *Barnaby*.  
New Yorker: *The New Yorker War Album*.

### Laugh It Off

Abingdon: *The Second Boners Omnibus*.  
Addlepatte: *How to Read Two Books*.  
Anthony: *The Drunk's Blue Book*.  
Beebe: *Snoot If You Must*.  
Benchley: *After 1903—What?*  
Benchley: *Benchley Beside Himself*.  
Benchley: *From Bed to Worse*.  
Benchley: *Inside Benchley*.  
Benchley: *My 10 Years in a Quandary, and How They Grew*.  
Benchley: *No Poems*.  
Benchley: *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea: or, David Copperfield*.  
Bulosan: *The Laughter of My Father*.  
Cantor: *World's Book of Best Jokes*.  
Cerf: *Try and Stop Me*.  
Clemens: *The Innocents Abroad*.  
Clemens: *Roughing It*.  
Cobb: *Favorite Humorous Stories*.  
Cobb: *A Laugh a Day Keeps the Doctor Away*.  
Cobb: *Many Laughs for Many Days*.  
Cobb: *Speaking of Operations*.  
Cuppy: *The Great Bustard and Other People*.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Geary—"The Bad Man," Leo Carrillo, 8:30 p.m.  
Curran—Starts Sunday night, Aug. 19.  
"Suds in Your Eye."  
Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 8 p.m.  
Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.  
Music Hall—"The Drunkard," Free refreshments. Nightly, 8:30 (except Monday).

#### Cinema

Fox—"Anchors Aweigh," Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson.  
Orpheum—"A Thousand and One Nights," Cornel Wilde.  
United Artists—"G. I. Joe," Ernie Pyle's story.  
Paramount—"Pride of the Marines," John Garfield, Eleanor Parker, Dane Clark.  
Golden Gate—Bob Hope's musical laugh target, "Skinnay Ennis" and his orchestra, stage in person.  
Esquire—"The Strange Affairs of Uncle Harry," George Sanders, Ella Raines.  
"The Woman in Green," Basil Rathbone.

#### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)  
Ice Follies—Winterland, Post and Steiner, reached by Sutter, Geary or Fillmore cars. Playing through August, spectacular skating revue with outstanding skating stars. Starts at 8 p.m. Admission: \$1.20, \$1.80, \$2.40, \$3.  
Wrestling—Civic Auditorium, Grove and Larkin. Mat events Aug. 28, at 8 p.m. Admission: \$1.65 and \$2, plus tax.  
Boxing—Civic Auditorium, Grove at Larkin. Events Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. Admission \$1.25 and \$3, plus tax.  
Baseball—Seals Stadium, 16th and Bryant. Reached by 19 car (Larkin st. line). Admission to servicemen 30c (grandstand) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturday afternoons.

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

#### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid. Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Cinema

Fox-Oakland—"Thrill of a Romance," Van Johnson, Esther Williams, in Technicolor.  
Paramount—"The Great John L.," Linda Darnell, Geo. McClure, Barbara Britton.  
Orpheum—"Where Do We Go From Here?," Fred MacMurray, Joan Leslie, June Haver.  
Roxie—"A Thousand and One Nights," in Technicolor, starring Cornel Wilde.  
Esquire—"Bluebeard's Eighth Wife," Gary Cooper, Claudette Colbert.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.

De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.  
Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Joaquin Miller Park

Woodminster Amphitheatre—Friday night, August 31, "Ruddigore," Savoy Opera Company.

#### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.  
Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-3 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1561.

### BERKELEY

ICE FESTIVAL—50-piece Festival Symphony Orchestra, Aug. 24-31, Sept. 7-14.

### On the Compound

#### Cinema (Auditorium)

Fri., Aug. 24—"Pride of the Marines," John Garfield.  
Sat., Aug. 25—"Manpower," George Raft.  
Sun., Aug. 26—"Johnny Angel," George Raft.  
Mon., Aug. 27—"Youngest Profession," Virginia Weilder.  
Tues., Aug. 28—"Rhapsody in Blue," Joan Leslie.  
Wed., Aug. 29—"The Hidden Eye," Edward Arnold.  
Thurs., Aug. 30—"Jealousy," John Loder.  
Fri., Aug. 31—"Anchors Aweigh," Frank Sinatra.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630; Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### Visiting Hours

Enlisted, Officer, and Civilian Personnel are permitted visitors from 1300 to 1600 every day and from 1900 to 2030 on Wednesday. There are no visiting hours on Sunday nights. In the event that a patient is on the critical or serious list, next of kin will be permitted to visit at any time.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

27 August-31 August

27 August — Round Table Series with supplementary film: "News Development." Lt. J. C. Payne, (Ed. Services).

28 August—Lecture and Discussion. "Merchandising and Buying." Mr. Cliff Uridge, (Cathwell, Sullivan and Firth).

29 August—Lecture and Discussion with supplementary film: "Mortuary Operation." Mr. Clyde Drennan, (Grant D. Miller Undertaking Co.).

30 August—Lecture and Discussion with supplementary film: "Postwar Radio, Electricity and Television." Mr. O. P. Kusisto, (Ray Theon Corp.).

31 August—Lecture and Discussion: "Relations With Russia." Prof. R. J. Koerner, (Univ. of Calif.).



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## To buy..sell..rent..

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### Post...

Bottom half of Scheaffer Fountain Pen. Black, with silver lines. Please return to Grant L. Malquist, Blood Bank.

### To Buy...

Would like to purchase Pea Coat, size 38 or 40. J. Marks, Ward 65B. Camera—Taking I20 or I27 film. Please contact J. Wilchinski, Lt. (jg) NC, Cadet Nurse Office 196. Patient-made leather collar and leash for puppy. Call Oak Leaf.

### Wanted—To Rent...

Apartment or flat to rent for Navy doctor and wife. No children, pets. Lt. F. P. Shidler (MC), Ward 71B. Furnished House—2 bedrooms, or 4 if available. Have arranged to share with fellow interne. Lt. (jg), John E. Mason (MC), Ward 80B, Mail Box 162. Furnished Apt. or House—Have just been assigned for duty to Naval Hospital, Oak Knoll, Oakland. Chiefs V. A. Vaughan and Veo Story.

### Wanted...

Our name in gold on any leather or imitation article. Wilford S. Hickman, BM I-c, Ward 42B. Patients interested in tutoring, typing or English. Should be persons already assigned to rehabilitation, or who can be assigned. Contact Lt. Payne, Educational Service Officer, topside Marine Detachment Building.

### To Sell...

Engagement and Wedding Rings, \$30. Edwin E. Hall, night corpsman, 80B. Coach ticket on "Challenger" from San Francisco to Des Moines, Ia., \$20. Good for 60 days. James L. Clark, RM 1-c, Ward 41A. One pair clamp on sun shades \$5.00. Also a 21-jewel man's wrist watch, shock and water-proof, new, \$65. Will sell now \$50.

developing his military character. If you are unable to participate in the routine therapeutic program the medical department has arranged for specific rehabilitation



The bar is popular . . naturally.

programs designed for your type case.

### Men May Bring Wives

Relatively few men are confined for treatment at the dispensary from time to time. Many married men stationed at Klamath have sent for their wives and have set up housekeeping off the Post which is permitted for all grades. (The theory that filariasis causes sterility or disfigurement has been proven entirely false. Further, the disease cannot be transmitted by any kind of contact to the wife or the offspring.) One point should be brought to the attention of all married personnel being transferred to Klamath Falls. As it is everywhere else, the housing situation is critical. Action is now underway to alleviate the short-

PERFEX Candid Camera, 3.5 lens.

Shutter speeds up to 1-1000th of a second. Range finder. Extinction meter. Uses 35 mm. film. 36 exposures—with exposur counter. Ever-ready leather case with shoulder strap. \$60. Brady, SK 1c, WARD 51B.

37 Ford 4-door sedan, 2 new tires, \$300. See Jespersen, Ward 48A.

Radio—Late table model, 6 tubes, \$50. See Chief Tomberlin, Ward 63B, between 8 and 9 a. m.

Brand new Bathinette, Set of baby scales, chest of unfinished drawers. Also Portable Zenith Radio. See Chief Jaffe, ward 61A.

age of dwellings but it is recommended, for the sake of convenience, that families not be brought until quarters have been procured.

### On the Post

The present facilities of Marine Barracks proper include a hostess house (26 transient rooms), dairy room, snack bar and lounge; six bowling alleys; a beer garden and soda fountain; ice skating rink; bob-sled, ski and toboggan runs in season; ten 19-foot sail boats; and a 60-horse stable, bull ring and bridle path. Skeet, trap and small-bore rifle ranges and a 4-station radio net are now under construction.

Liberty commences at 1630 daily except Wednesday (1315); Saturday (1200) and Sunday (0900). Married men who live off the Post are normally permitted daily liberty provided they are not on duty. Reasonable requests for 72-hour passes are frequently granted.

The unique medical and military setup is helping hundreds of Marines to regain physical fitness



The art of skiing attracts many students.

and subsequently to return to duty and at the same time is erasing the word "dread" from discussions of filariasis and malaria.

When the boss told him to take a lesson from the busy bee he stayed out all night with his honey.

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Junior: What's the difference between a gun and a machine gun?

Dad: There's a big difference. It's just as if I spoke and then your mother spoke.

## BASE NOTES

Physio has been in deep mourning since the transfer of Norman Lawnick. There was some question over whether the department could survive, but they are still struggling. He will have some able assistants. Campi, Nelson, Stevens and Taylor have also left for Glenwood Springs, leaving Physio but a shadow of its former self.

The girls at Ship's Service report that the second California gold rush started Tuesday, when 30 officers were promoted to higher ratings.

Hugh Sweatt of the Pharmacy returned from an eastern draft with the news that he slipped an engagement ring on the finger of the girl of his dreams—a Bostonian.

It has been called to our attention department: Is it true that a certain Chief from X-ray is laying the foundation for a rosy future in Surgery 1?

The Oak Leaf orchid to Chief Steel of Commissary 2, who is more of a maitre d'hotel than a master at arms. He's never too busy to see to it that everyone gets the best of service.

PhM 1c Moen of HCQ says that even though they have removed the gasoline rationing and taken canned goods off the point system, in the Navy it's still points that are the most important thing right now.

The rumor we hear says that Fred of 41B is growing his new mustache for Bertha. (Note: Clark Gable is still in the lead.)

The gang at the Laundry are going to miss N. M. Johnson and H. G. Taylor, who are leaving for Shoemaker soon.

Mystery of the week: Who is the redhead who pays Petri of the post-office a daily visit?

Chief Saunders received his orders. Good luck, Chief. You're going to be missed by many of us here at Oak Knoll.

Patient Personnel welcomes Bowden to their department. He formerly worked in the Survey Office.





# The Sporting Scene

## Soft Ballers Lose In Tournament

The hospital's softball hopes in the "Post-Enquirer" tournament came to an abrupt end on Tuesday, August 21, when our men dropped the decision to the Shore Patrol, 4-0. McDonald of the service cops struck out 19 Oak Knollers and had a no-hitter until the last inning, when Dick Miller singled. Valma was the losing pitcher, giving up a total of five hits.

Previous to the sad ending, Oak Knoll had vanquished the union of Electrical Workers, CIO, on August 13, by a 1-0 score. Valma gave up only three hits as he whitewashed the opposition. Oak Knoll's run came in the third, when Rapp singled, stole second and third, and scored on O'Brien's single.

**Win in City League Play**

In the San Leandro City League our Softballers fared better as they took their second straight on August 10, edging the S. L. Merchants, 1-0. Valma pitched and gave up four hits, while Oak Knoll could only garner three.

The score was 0-0 going into the last inning. Dick Miller went to first on an error, advanced to third in a comedy of errors, and scored when Rapp flied deep to left field.

## Swimming, Tennis Events Planned

Welfare and Recreation announces that the winner of the Commanding Officers' Trophy will be released in the next issue of the *Oak Leaf*.

**Tennis Teams Compete**

The first annual Oak Knoll tennis tournament for staff members got off to a flying start this week with the following number of contestants entered:

Entries	
Women's Singles	10
Men's Singles	9
Mixed Doubles	6
Men's Doubles	11

Chart at the courts will be kept up to date to keep all interested parties informed.

**Swim Team Forming**

All Waves are eligible to turn out each Wednesday at 1730 to receive instructions in the art of swimming under the able supervision of Ens. Louise Clark (W), National A.A.U. half-mile champion of 1940, and a member of the National long distance A.A.U. swimming team of 1941. All Waves may enter competition to represent Oak Knoll at the many swim meets planned for the near future.

## Baseball Team Wins and Loses

The Oak Knoll Hardball Team continued their recent winning ways by defeating the Acme Giants 10-1 here on Sunday, August 12. Williams pitched the entire game and allowed four scattered hits.

Edwards swung the big stick for the locals, getting a home run in the third and a double in the fifth. The lineup:

Oak Knoll	AB.	R.	H.
Hunsinger	3	1	0
Picariello	3	1	2
Clark	1	0	0
Jones	4	2	2
Zimmer	4	2	2
O'Brien	3	0	0
Meara	4	2	2
George	4	1	1
Edwards	4	1	2
Williams	3	0	0

Acme Giants	AB.	R.	H.
Hicks	3	0	1
Haden	3	0	0
Warren	3	0	0
Jones	3	0	0
Hawk	3	0	0
Scott	3	0	1
Knox	3	1	1
Ward	3	0	0
Davis	3	0	1

Acme Giants ... 1 0 0 0 0 0 0—1  
Oak Knoll .... 3 1 0 0 3 3 x—10

**Lose to Camp Knight, 5-2**

On Sunday, August 19, the Pirates succumbed again to the colored boys from the Camp Knight Quartermaster Corps, this time by a 5-2 score. Williams went the route and allowed eight hits, while Oak Knoll was garnering seven.

The team has been strengthened by the addition of ChSp(A) Story at third base. Chief Story is the peacetime property of the Toronto Club and made his debut with two solid bingles. O'Brien led the local hitting with a total of three hits.

Camp Knight	... 0 2 0 1 0 1 0—5
Oak Knoll	... 0 0 0 2 0 0 0—2

**Oak Knoller Wins In Tank Meet**

ChSp(A) Tom Haynie, Oak Knoll athletic stalwart, on Sunday, August 19, copped top honors in the 100-meter free-style at the 12th Naval District swim meet.

Haynie is no stranger to swimming honors, as he was formerly a national A.A.U. and University of Michigan champion. With an All-American team he toured South America in 1940 and Hawaii in 1941, and he served as an alternate in the 1936 Olympics.

## Case of Week

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surgery (in itself a long tedious business) and there is more to come. He can move his right leg and thigh and his left is coming along with a little more movement each day. There are plans to get him out of bed very soon to begin the process of learning to walk again. The change of environment will in itself help the healing of his wound and increase his strength. Later Captain M. W. Coleman tells us, an attempt to repair some of the internal damage to his pelvic organs can be made.

**Studies for Future**

During this long ordeal, Ebersole has not been idle for his long mechanical interest has started him to tinkering with watches, something that a bed patient can handle. Many men would have given up to discouragement and self-pity but not Ebersole. He is trying to teach himself how to repair watches on the theory that in this way he is not only learning something but is also keeping his fingers busy. He hopes after his release from the hospital to attend a watch repairing school and later hopes that he may also learn how to set precious stones in jewelry.

Any man who is busy in mind and body, cheerful and optimistic and planning for the future is bound to get along, even after he has been as badly hurt as Ebersole. His diligence, courage and modesty all go together to make him one of the most popular patients in his ward.

Chief: "For months I couldn't discover where my wife was spending her evenings."

Boot: "How'd you find out?"

Chief: "One evening I went home, and there she was."

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Some girls will scream murder at the sight of a mouse—and go climb into an auto with a wolf.

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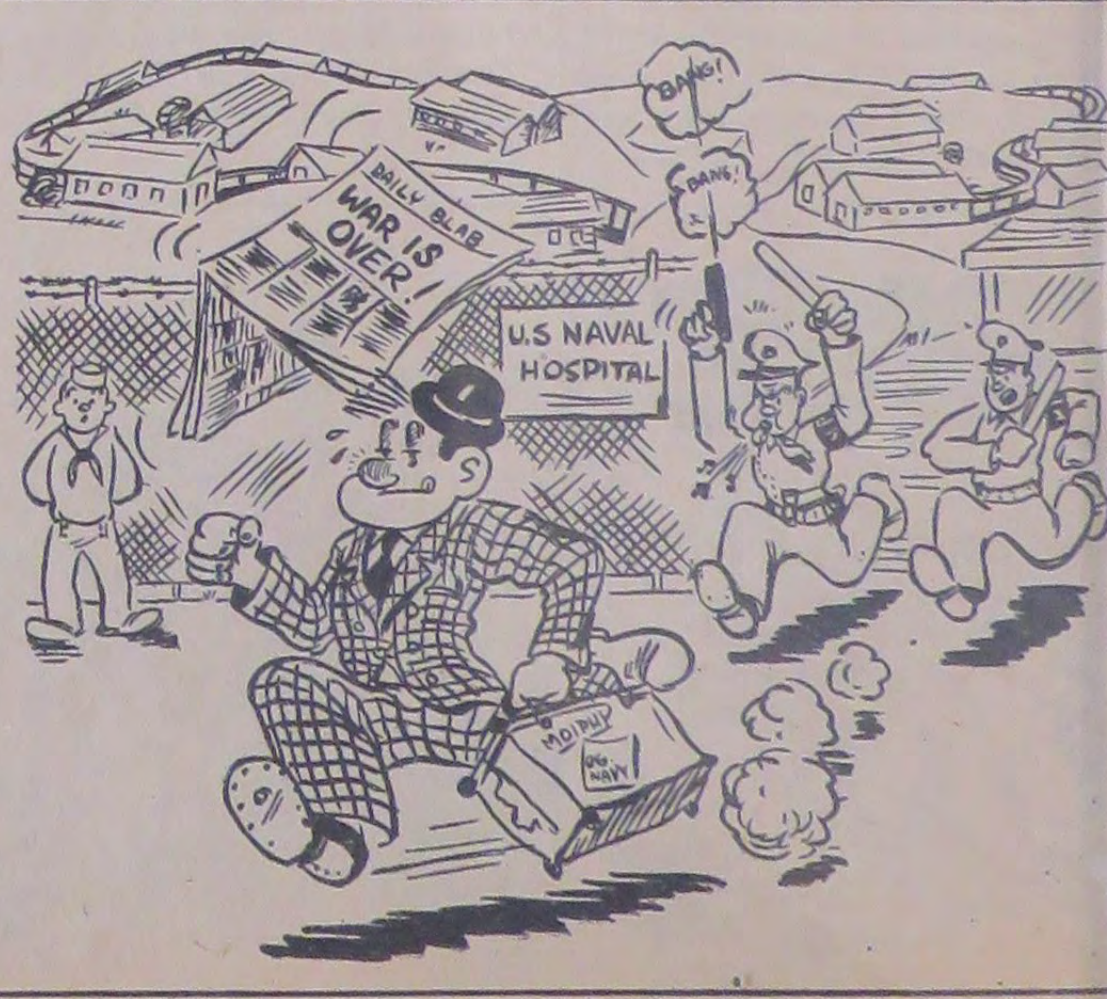
The Detachment welcome aboard Second Lieut. Eldon I. Drake and Warrant Officer Robert E. Trometter this week from the Marine Corps base at San Diego, Calif. Lieut. Drake is now the Commanding Officer of Casual Company No. 1 and Gunner Trometter is the Commanding Officer of Casual Company No. 2.

The Detachment said good-bye to Corp. Frank D. Dollard, who is going to New River, N. C., for officer training school. Congratulations and good luck!

The Marines observed V-J Day in a very nice manner. Personnel were warned to stay home, and apparently all of the men heeded the warning. Friday morning, only one Marine was up for office hours—a patient.

MOIPHY . . .

By Penbert







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## This Wave Officer Gets the Bird



### Miss Sherrill and Prize

When a man holds a "chicken" on his lap, it isn't news; but when a Wave officer carries a lively one right up the front steps into the Administration Building under her arm, well, that IS. And it isn't any wonder that Lt. (jg) Mary M. Sherrill and her bird caused eyebrows to arch a notch higher than usual.

Actually Cpl. Wimpy Jones of Ward 53 was the one who made the good-looking capon's trip to the compound possible. He was asked to speak at a recent meeting of the Alameda Rotary Club, and along went Miss Sherrill, whose speaker's bureau is part of her Public Information office work.

There was a luncheon and Wimpy told the clubmen the story of his South Pacific experiences. Then came the raffle. Tickets were sold for 25 cents, and Miss Sherrill held the lucky number. He was a handsome capon, and those who tasted him declared that his looks were excelled only by his fine flavor.

## Waves May Wear Good Conduct Ribbon

(SEA).—Enlisted Waves who have completed three years of service in the Naval Reserve and who meet the conduct and proficiency requirements listed in BuPers Manual are eligible to receive the Good Conduct Award, according to a recent BuPers letter.

The wearing of the ribbon may be authorized by COs. Medals are not now available, but will be issued by BuPers, upon application, in approximately six months.

## PHONE FOR FREE!!!

Those of you who have recently come in from overseas may not have heard the good news that the Red Cross is giving either a free phone call or telegram to every patient coming in from overseas who has not yet called his home. Calls may be made to any city or town in the United States.

Bed patients can make the necessary arrangements with the Red Cross Hospital Worker on their wards. Ambulatory patients are asked to file the required chits at the Red Cross Information Office, second deck, Ship's Service.

## USNR Gold Braid May Join USN

(SEA).—The Navy has announced plans for the transfer of reserve officers to the ranks of the regular Navy, but explained legislative approval will be necessary before plans can be put into operation.

Present indications are that the Navy will need up to 30,000 additional regular officers and the Marine Corps 5,000.

Under Secretary of the Navy Artemus L. Gates, who outlined the terms of the proposed plan, said reserves of the rank of Ensign and above who transfer will be given a course of instruction giving them an opportunity for assignment and promotion on equal terms with officers now holding permanent commissions.

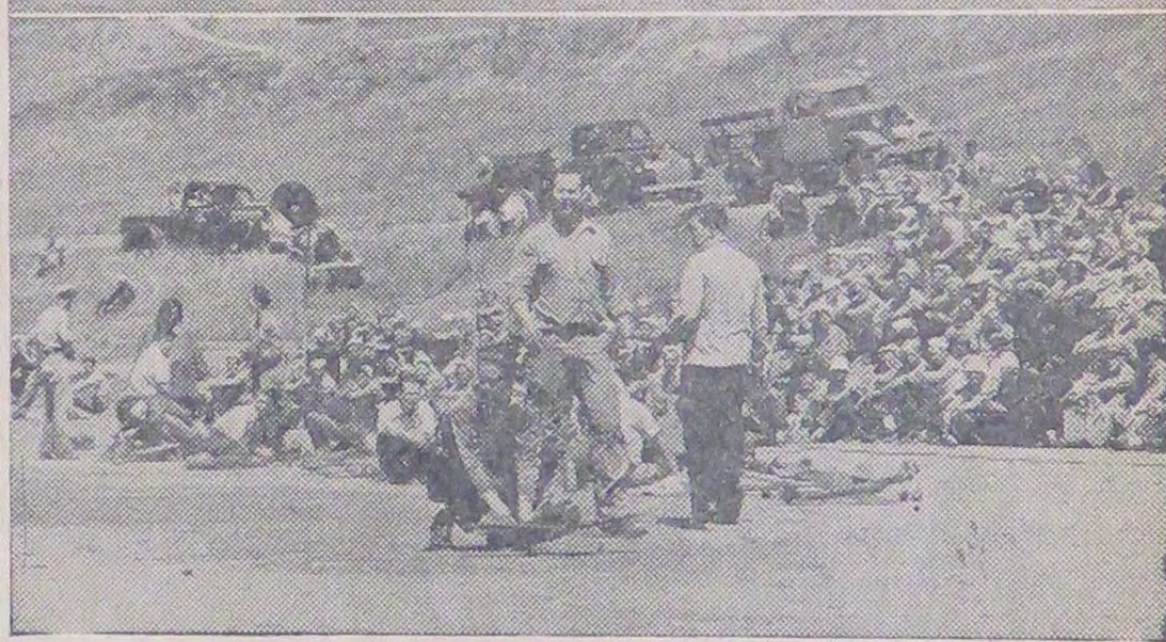
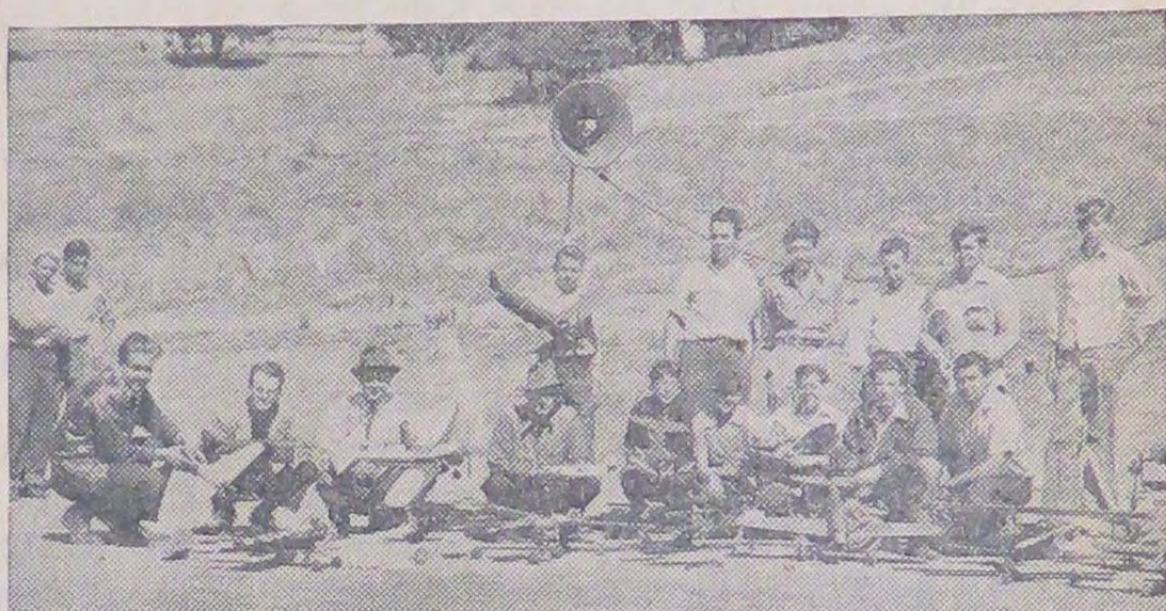
Applicants must be young enough to give 25 years' active service from 7 Sept. 1939 or from active duty date, whichever is later. Medical officers must be of an age to give 20 years' active service.

Ensigns and above of the Line and Supply Corps must have four semesters of college, or pass an examination showing equivalent educational qualifications.

## Strictly From Mars

GUAM (SEA).—A Marine unearthed a strange looking weapon here. It was unlike anything he had ever seen. After consultation with other Marines, one of them examined it at close range and finally determined that it was a Buck Rogers toy pistol.

## Model Airplane Show Is Hit With Oak Knoll Patients



Upper: The Junior Airmen and their one-cylinder aerial speed demons pose proudly for a picture. Lower: A miniature Thunderbolt, capable of 65 mph., poises for the takeoff.

## 86,709 Ships Added To Navy in 5 Years

(SEA).—In five years the U. S. Navy grew from 4,500 vessels to 91,209 ships of all types—built at a cost of \$90,500,000,000. More than 1,265 combatant vessels were constructed, including 10 battleships, 27 large carriers, 110 escort carriers and 45 cruisers, according to latest Navy Department figures.

Rate of firepower aboard ships of the world's largest Navy increased from 411 tons to 4,500 tons per 15-second period during the last five years.

## Cop Stalls Peace

WASHINGTON (SEA).—A policeman here held up the Jap surrender note for 10 minutes when he attempted to arrest two men for speeding. The pair, employees of Radio Corporation of America, were delivering the message to the Swiss legation.

The Bay Area's Model Airplane hobbyists, youthful enthusiasts all, on Sunday, August 26 put on an air circus for Oak Knoll's population. The scene was the Athletic Field and all afternoon the diminutive speedsters whizzed and swooped before the entranced GI's.

About 20 planes, all home-built one-cylinder jobs, were put through their paces by their proud owners. Built at an average cost of \$40, they ranged in design from a World War I German Biplane to the sleek Thunderbolt of World War II fame.

While it was not an official meet, the miniature Thunderbolt was clocked at 65 mph and more than held its own in the field of precision flying which is another basis for scoring. Herman Edwards was the builder and owner.

The exhibition was arranged for by Bud and Lee Foust, owners of The Hobby House in Berkeley, in cooperation with the Welfare and Recreation Department.



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## Labor Day

Along with reconversion to peace-time ways and the swing to normalcy, it is interesting to note the country is preparing to celebrate Labor Day, Monday, September 3rd, with the accustomed prewar speechmaking, parades and accepted holidaying. Thus with the President proclaiming recently eight national holidays (New Year's Day, Washington's Birthday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas) for the first time in nearly four years will the American public find the observance of this workless day not only a period of rest from their daily tasks but also an opportunity for prayer and thanksgiving.

For so many who have applied themselves diligently to their work, particularly those on War jobs and Federal Civil Service, Labor Day will denote the first free weekday since 1942. With the guns silenced overseas and the return of loved ones in uniform imminent, this special day set aside for the working people should be indeed a happy one for all.

## We the Victors

Attitudes toward the Germans and the Japs vary all the way from implacable revenge, with its wish that both nations could be wiped from the face of the earth, to a drawing of the line between the people of these countries, and their ideologies. The news and the radio both have played up the fact that our enemies accept their defeat stubbornly and with no humility, and that they must therefore be so crushed that they know they are licked once and for all.

We should stop to think how we would feel had we been the ones who were licked. Oh, sure—we'd have been shown no mercy; "the bomb" in the hands of our enemies would have annihilated us, starting, no doubt, by liquidating our nearest equivalent to a Son of Heaven, if any. But our way of life would still be dear to us, because it was distinctively ours; and to the last soul among us our chief consolation in bondage would be that we would rise again.

What else can we expect from the Japs? What can we do but go doggedly ahead, and in our occupation firmly practice the Golden Rule? They won't like it, you know. Our enemies won't like being treated "as we would have others do unto us". But because we believe we have a better ideology, their fate in surrender is to have a taste of it. It may give them indigestion at first, but who knows, they might grow to like it!

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen, E. A. Day.  
 Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
 Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
 Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.  
 Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
 Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
 Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.  
 L. D. S. (Mormon):  
 All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
 Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
 Weekday Mass—0645 and 1830.  
 Confessions Before all Masses.  
 Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.  
 Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
 The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

## Welcome Aboard!

Many new faces are evident about the compound these days, including staff as well as patients. We take this opportunity to welcome to Oak Knoll the following 41 Corpsmen who arrived here direct from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.:

Fred J. Acri, John W. Barclay, Stephen A. Billings, Jacob "H" Block, Joseph Burns, Edward D. Burtosky, Leo J. Camp, Robert W. Carney, John S. Carroll, Sergie L. Cerruti, Donovan N. Clinton, James N. Coates, Thomas Constantino, Louis W. Cooling, James L. Creel, Kenneth F. Cretser, Frank J. Dressell, Louis A. Di Salvo, Robert Van Doss, Lorin A. Dunstan, Leo Ford, George A. Gestone, Russell Grewell, Frank E. Hall, Bobbie L. Hanlin, Kenneth O. Harmon, Charles W. Holder, Richard M. Hubbard, John "K" Karneges, Jack J. Kaubish, Norman D. Kennedy, Charles W. Mathisen, Harold E. Nichols, Jerome D. Nossen, Robert M. O'Neill, Millard L. Owings, Milton M. Petersen, Harvey R. Pine, Leon H. Potter, Nicholas A. Sapunar, John S. Smith.

May your tour of duty here always be a pleasant memory.

(Signed)

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
 Ch. Pharm., U.S.N.,  
 Staff Personnel Officer.

### NOTICE

Inasmuch as Friday evening, 7 September 1945, is the Jewish New Year's Eve there will be no Jewish services held in the chapel that evening.

In the chaplains office you will find a schedule of the religious services for the High Holy Day season. See your chaplain on the station for further information.

## Officers

### Coming . . .

Lt. Cmdr Edwin J. Marble (MC) USNR, Cmdr. Jesse T. Nicholson (MC) USNR, Cmdr. Henry R. Nesburn (MC) USNR, Lt. Clifford F. Broderick (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Carter R. Morse (MC) USNR.

### Going . . .

Cmdr. Marion W. Coleman (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Richard D. Simon (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Albert J. Farrell, Jr. (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Millington D. Yon (MC) USNR, Lt. Comdr. Harold G. Gray (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Robert C. Lehman (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) George E. Munn (MC) USNR, Cmdr. John T. Jensen (MC-V(S) USNR, Lt. Comdr. George Thorgate (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Frederick Warshauer (MC-V(D) USNR, Cmdr. Harold O. Plank (MC-V(S) USNR, Cmdr. Warren E. Page (MC-V(S) USNR, Cmdr. John H. Kooser (MC-V(S) USNR, Lt. Daniel H. Manfredi (MC-V(S) USNR, Lt. (jg) Hobart L. Boyd (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Edward R. Smith (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Robert R. Dew (MC) USNR.

## Business Too Good!

SALISBURY, Md. (SEA). Business was so good at the auction of Charles H. Truitt's household goods here that even his briefcase containing important papers was sold to the highest bidder. Truitt is now advertising for its return.

## Durante Dances

For the first time in 35 years trouping Jimmy Durante waltz dance. Jimmy had a hard time learning his movie dance routine at first, but the difficulty soon disappeared. "I know wassa mat," Jimmy explained, "I gotta do it on the balls of my toes!"

The one advantage of growing older is that you can stand for more and fall for less.

The Record Studio in Ship Service Building reports that several new operas have been added to their record library, including such favorites as "Faust," "Aida," "Tannhauser" and "Tristan and Isolde."

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### A Spark

A spark of fire is a wonderful thing. A whole new world was created when the ancient cave man by accident caused a spark of fire to leap from his stone hammer to some dry grass.

A spark of fire can cause an explosion. It can burn a house to the ground or destroy a hundred years of nature's work—a forest. The humble spark can be used for weal or woe. But always it must have direction.

Jesus believed and taught that within man was the spark of divinity to which he addressed his message of Good News. God has implanted the spark within all mankind. Without this spark of divinity there could be no response to God or the call of Christ. Man is not totally depraved. If it were so, God could never speak to man so as to elicit an answer.

The spark of divinity within man responding to the call of Jesus to "deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me" creates a divine explosion. A new world opens up, for one is looking at life through the eyes of the "Eternal." New power for good is there. New goals take the place of old ones. Faith in God, in mankind, in self, assume huge proportions. Self-sacrifice, understanding and love, are the driving motives. The man is a new creature, for he has the spirit of Christ. A new world results because the spark of divinity within man has been fanned into a flame.

CHAPLAIN EDGAR A. DAY.



Our Doctor



Cmdr. Elbert H. Caldwell  
MC(S) USNR

Each man has his trademark and with Cmdr. Caldwell it is his pipe which is practically standard equipment except when he is operating. And when he is in Surgery, the O. R. Techs swear that he can be identified by his southern drawled "All right, boys—let's go," as he takes up the scalpel. A Texan and proud of his nationality, Cmdr. Caldwell emi-

grated to Alabama Poly Tech for his B.S. and to Johns Hopkins in Baltimore for his M.D. Deciding, correctly enough, that Surgery was his field, he was certified by the Board of General Surgery in 1938. After practicing for five years in New York City, he returned to his native state and established himself in Tyler, Texas.

Served on USS Honolulu

Following his entrance into the Navy as a Lieutenant Commander in March, 1941, Dr. Caldwell saw two years of duty aboard the light cruiser USS Honolulu. Speaking of this period, the Commander admits he would have welcomed more medical work but, on the other hand, there were occasional opportunities to fish.

Any previous paucity of medical work was more than adequately compensated for upon his arrival at Oak Knoll in September, 1944. Now Cmdr. Caldwell is a very busy man indeed, both in his office on ward 40A and in Surgery 2.

The Caldwell family now resides in Oakland, temporarily, of course, until they can return to

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Super Deuce Foiled!



THIS ODE TO SUPER DEUCE, THE SAGA OF HIS DOWNFALL, IS THE WORK OF S/YC B.M. PEARCE, A PATIENT HERE.

Terrific is our Super Deuce,  
Hero of Oak Knoll Mother Goose;  
Synthetic, pyrotechnic gent,  
Product of lab experiment,  
Which changed a curious corps-  
man to  
This super lad of super do.  
God bless him for his kindly deeds  
Performed at dizzy, whizzing  
speeds;  
He saves our sailors every day  
And for his service takes no pay;  
A winged Oak Knoll Robin Hood,  
His full strength pledged to doing  
good.  
Like radishes he pulls up trees  
And solves the toughest mysteries;  
Sometimes they say that very late  
At night he lifts the Golden Gate  
And swaps it for the Oakland  
span,  
Then puts them back—one in each  
hand!  
But finally—gee, this is sad!  
Our super plus atomic lad  
Has found a test he cannot meet,  
And shed his cloak in sheer de-  
feat;  
For even he with strength galore  
Can't stretch his POINTS to forty-  
four.

World War I Vets Go All Out For World War II Vets



The six pictures above give a complete account of the day's outing. Above, left to right: Arriving at Port Chicago, old-fashioned barbecue steak fry, chow line. Below, left to right: Entertainment and singing. Fishing from Coast Guard boats. Awards for the victors.

Garbed in dungarees, sweat shirts, and anything else cool and comfortable, seventy-five Oak Knollers sallied forth on what was described by Welfare and Recreation as a Sunday Fishing Trip, sponsored by the Bill Erwin Post No. 337 of the American Legion. Most of the patients were looking forward to a quiet day with a fishing pole in hand, but they were

pleasantly surprised from start to finish.

Many Prizes Awarded

They were met at Port Chicago (Boom Town) by Elmer Nelson, Post Commander, and Mr. Sundin, Hospital Activity Chairman, who were loaded down with prizes to be awarded to the winners of the various events. They included a door prize, prizes for the biggest

fish caught, most fish caught, etc. Over \$100.00 worth of merchandise was distributed to the Oak Knollers.

Coast Guard Helps

Beer, Watermelon, Candy, Hot Dogs and a picnic style barbecued steak dinner were the highlights in the eat and drink department. Music and singing kept everyone entertained until the Coast Guard

Auxiliary boats arrived to transport the party to Roe Island, where the fishing part of the picnic really took place.

PhM3c Hazel, who accompanied the party as the representative of Welfare and Recreation, states that he has attended many outings with Oak Knollers but the American Legion Picnic was one of the brightest he has ever attended.



CASE OF THE WEEK

# Marine Shot, Kicked, Looted, Listed as Dead—Recovers!

March 10, 1945 marked the 19th day that Felix Mike Tschida, a private in the USMCR, had been on Iwo Jima. It also marked the day that Tschida was shot four times by a Jap sniper as he and a buddy lay on their stomachs in a foxhole. Tschida appeared to be



Pvt. Felix M. Tschida, USMCR

dead so his buddy after satisfying himself that there was nothing to be done scrambled for a healthier location.

## Jap Kick Breaks Ribs

Tschida, however, proved that he had nine lives and later in the day, revived somewhat. The second day after he had been wounded, a Jap came upon him, removed his ID card, his pencil and two sea-bag keys and as a parting gesture to the "dead" marine kicked him and broke two ribs.

After three nights and two days without food and water (for one of the bullets had penetrated his canteen and shoulder pack), Tschida started to crawl back out of Japanese territory. After a tortuous trip through dead Japs, debris and abandoned pill boxes he finally got within range of the Marine lines after crawling some hours. He was greeted not with salutations but with a whiz of bullets until he struggled to take his helmet off to identify himself.

## Gets Transfusions

The bullets stopped and then started up again but this time it was to cover him while the first aid men came out. When they picked him up, Tschida couldn't talk for one of the bullets had penetrated his larynx and passed on through his lung. When they gave him water he threw it up along with dead ants and flies. He was taken to the medical unit where he was given numerous blood transfusions with little success.

When the chaplain came in he apparently felt that Tschida's time

was up and therefore gathered up his few remaining possessions and arranged to send them to Tschida's wife in St. Paul, Minnesota. Tschida's battered body was placed in a quiet spot since no one expected him to last through the night. In the morning a corpsman noticed that Tschida's blanket was disarranged and that he still wasn't dead. So they started all over again and gave him more blood—sixteen pints altogether.

## Goes to Aiea

They then placed him on a "duck" and loaded him aboard a hospital ship on which he proceeded to Guam and still later to Aiea. On ship board Tschida was operated on three times. When he arrived at Aiea there was a great deal of blood in his chest, so much that it pushed his heart to the opposite side. This necessitated tapping his chest repeatedly. Meantime his larynx was re-ramped and necessary repairs were made on it.

While convalescing at Aiea he had the rare good fortune to meet his brother Joe, also a Marine. From Aiea the "dead" Tschida was brought by NATS to Oakland. By this time, he was making great progress and his voice, though not normal was at least capable of a good strong whisper. It wasn't long before he was allowed a 30 day leave to see his wife and five year old daughter Donna Mae. It was a great day for the Tschida family when he arrived for he had already been listed as dead.

In 11 days Tschida expects to be on his way back to St. Paul honorably discharged from the Marine Corps. His voice is still husky, but he thinks that he will call the express company on the phone to inquire about the package that the chaplain sent to his wife that day on Iwo Jima. As yet it hasn't arrived!

A football was kicked accidentally into a yard where some chickens were scratching. The rooster studied the football carefully and then said: "Hens, I'm not complaining, but look at the work they are turning out next door!"

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A nurse in a hospital noticed a patient with his ear close to the wall. The patient held up a finger warning the nurse to be quiet, then called her over and said: "Listen here."

The nurse listened for some time and said: "I can't hear a thing."

"No," said the patient, "and it's been like that all day."

## Exercises Aid on Surgery Wards

Physical Training, generally considered as applicable to only fairly healthy individuals, at Oak Knoll extends even into the Surgery Wards. The Physical Training Department has devised specialized exercises which are doing wonders in these wards.

In the treatment of Burn cases where tendons and ligaments have been injured, massage and stretching exercises are used. In Abdominal Surgery, the chest, arms, and legs are exercised with the use of elastic parachute cords and bed pulleys with adjustable weights. In all cases, the objective is to improve the condition of the patient and to shorten the time of convalescence.

Among other innovations is a new bed-attached pulley with adjustable weights installed in 71 A and B. Called the "Adams Mighty Muscle Builder" after its inventor, Lt. Adams, this pulley allows exercises for arms and legs of patients who cannot move in bed. A patient by the name of Cooper was the test pilot on the first demonstration of the new machine.

Chief Athletic Specialists who are using both their wits and their persuasive talents on the Surgical Wards include McGooey, Morrison, Farison, Standke, Gordon, Balch, Morgan and Rapp.

She: Can you drive with one hand?

He: Boy, can I!

She: Okay, then, have an apple?

## BASE NOTES

• It is rumored that Eleanor G. boy and Martha Benson have learned they should wear life jackets when they go out to sea. . . .

• Close friends inform us that Frank Livingston may announce very important date soon that will concern him and that well-known redhead. . . .

• D. E. Packler of the Rehab. Office has attended more department picnics than anyone we know. He attributes this to his Boy Scout training, as he is known as the best camp fire builder at Oak Knoll. . . .

• Mazon (PAL) is campaigning for larger G.I. cans. It seems he has trouble tossing oranges into the present ones. . . .

• Super Mystery of the Week: Who does Penberthy, creator of the famous comic character "Moiphy" wear dark glasses these days? . . .

• PhM 1c Shultz of Staff Personnel has headed for Japan. With him go the best wishes of everyone who knew him here, including the Oak Leaf staff. . . .

• Special Note: The patients of 41B have gone highbrow on us. They have organized their own literary club, headed by none other than that popular former college professor, George Henninger. . . .

PO: "Chief, there's an applicant here who said he used to make his living by sticking his right arm into a lion's mouth."

CPO: "What's his name?"

PO: "Lefty."

## The Wolf

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"Why, yes! As a matter of fact I am rather busy!"



# Yosemite National Park Haven for Veterans

The former luxurious Ahwahnee Hotel in the Yosemite National Park was taken over by the Navy and commissioned as a U. S. Naval Convalescent Hospital on 26 June, 1943. The name was later changed to the U. S. Naval Special Hospital.

The hospital is a beautiful six-story concrete and natural rock building, with adjacent cabins located on the bank of the Merced River, in the upper part of the famed Yosemite Valley. It has



**Golfer's Paradise**

beautiful grounds, including a reflection pool and a very sporty short nine-hole golf course.

## Famed for Scenery

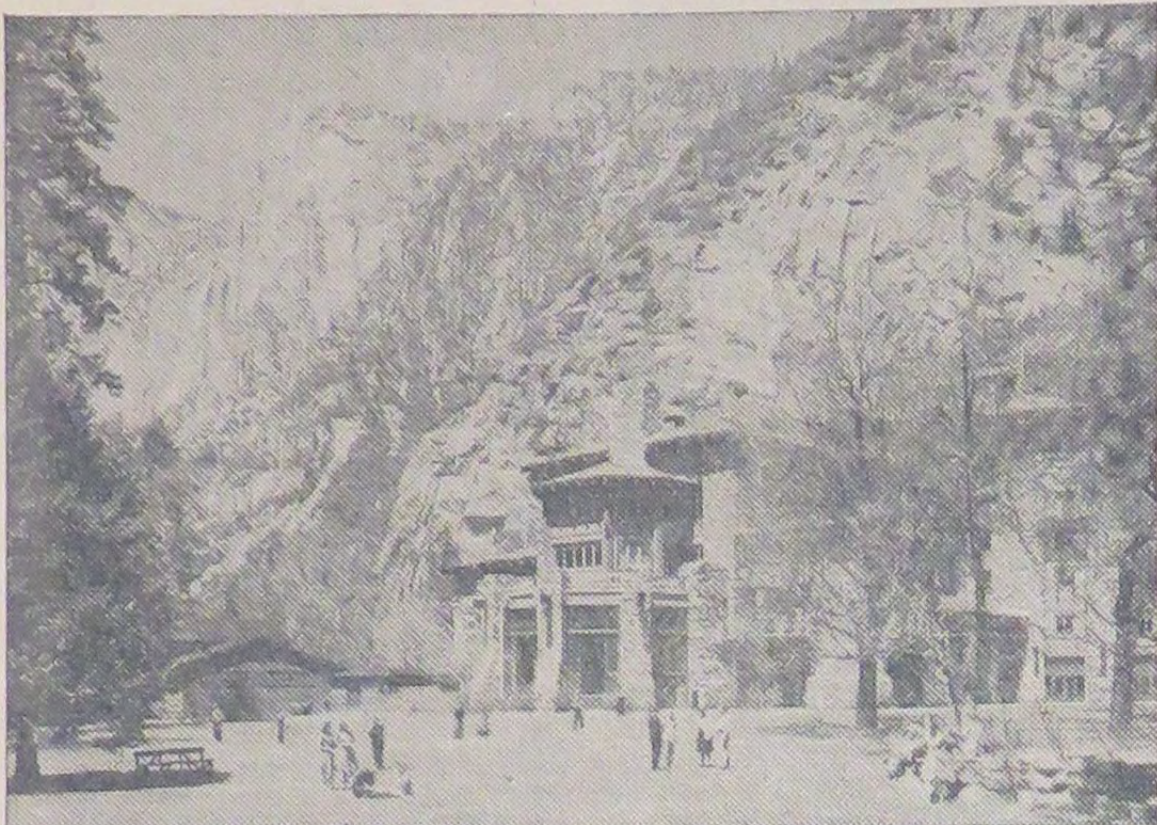
Directly opposite is Glacier Point, towering about 4,000 feet above the floor of the valley. Above is massive Half Dome, a unique formation and the only peak of its kind in the world. Easily seen from the hospital are also the famous Yosemite Falls. Four miles below are the beautiful Bridal Veil Falls and famed El Capitan, larger than Gibraltar and rising 4,000 feet above the valley floor.

The former large hotel lounge and the majority of former guest rooms have been converted into

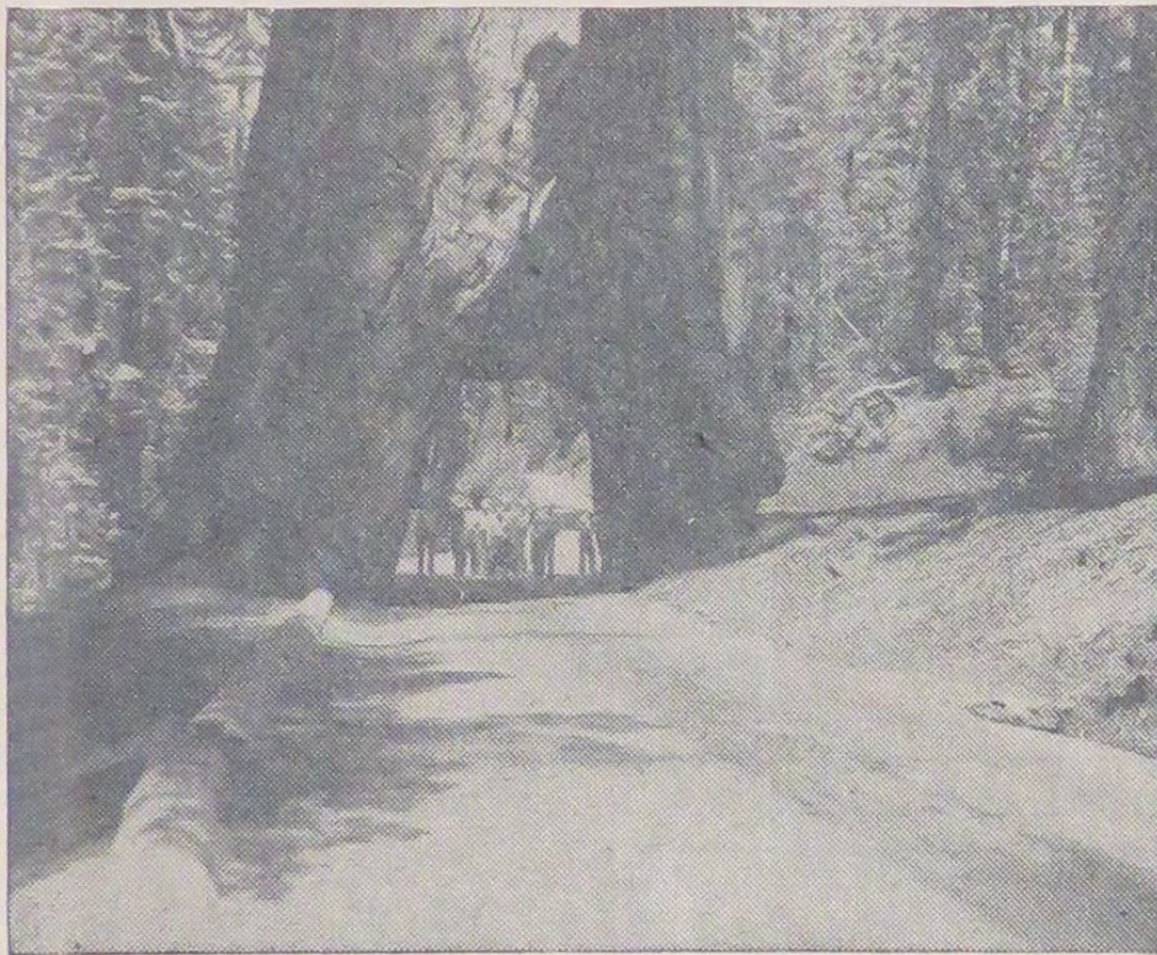


**Club House . . . with Beer!**

wards. Other rooms have been converted into the usual accessories of all hospitals. The former hotel dining room is used as a mess hall and also for dances. Connecting the spacious library is a reading room and sun porch. The former cocktail lounge has been converted into a little Catholic Chapel, and a



The world-famous Ahwahnee Hotel is the main building of the U.S.N.S.H. Yosemite. Dominating the valley, it is the scenic center of the park.



The Mariposa Grove of big trees is world famous for the size of its ancient trees and the wild beauty of the country.

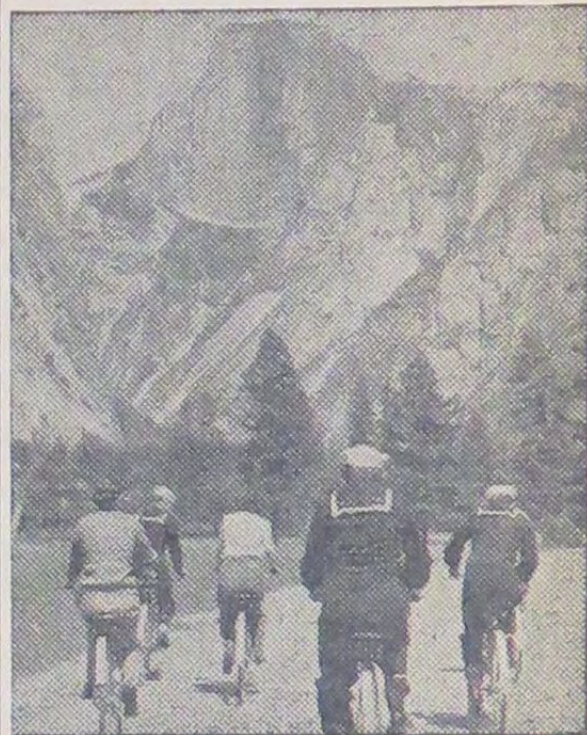


In the winter time, if you like the out-of-doors, the bus will take you to Badger Pass where the skiing is excellent.

room off the former lounge, now Ward A, is now an attractive Protestant Chapel.

## Oasis . . . and Beer!

On the west side of the hospital, a Rehabilitation and Recreation Center has been constructed of temporary buildings. These include a large recreation hall for motion pictures and indoor recreation. U.S.O. shows, Happy Hours, etc., are also held here. Beyond are six



**Biking in Wonderland**

buildings housing the physical training department and gymnasium; educational services, occupational therapy, six bowling alleys and a large poolroom. Beyond these is the Oasis, an activity unique among continental Naval hospitals. It is a club where beer is sold. Many patients gather there to relax. It is open daily from 1630 to 2130.

The Naval Special Hospital in the Yosemite is essentially a Rehabilitation Hospital. The main purpose of all rehabilitation is the earliest possible return of the patient to duty or, if he cannot be returned to duty, his retention in the service under treatment until he has been carried to the point



**Swimming Pool De Luxe**

where the best possible readjustment to civil life has been made.

## Teach Trades

Many patients whose physical condition permits, are assigned work details in accordance with their training or desires—electricians in the electrical shop, car-

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# WORTH FIGHTING FOR



Attractive Doris Hanlon of Philadelphia, Pa., inspires more than brotherly love in the bosom of S1c Charles T. Kradzinski. Doris is a secretary in a brokerage firm, while Charles is at present a patient on Ward 61B.

## Cadet Nurses End Training Here

On March 1, 54 wide-eyed strangers arrived at Oak Knoll as members of the Navy Cadet Nurse Corps. Wednesday, August 29, these same girls left Oak Knoll with a record that will long be remembered here.

Trained under the supervision of Lt. (jg) Reba Hartley (NNC) assisted by Lt. (jg) Jeanette Wilchinski (NNC) these girls underwent an especially accelerated six month course in Nursing that completed their final phase of training. This was the first class of Cadet Nurses to have self government via a system of electing officers from within their own group to govern their class.

The farewell party was held in the Cadet Barracks Monday, August 27. Refreshments were 4.0 as well as the good time furnished by the entertainment committee with the help of Phillis Bobba's father, who is quite the accordion player.

It is our guess that these girls will not soon forget the days they spent at Oak Knoll, where they received 115 hours of schooling,

## OUR DOCTOR

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Texas. Dr. and Mrs. Caldwell are the parents of two children—a two and one-half year old girl and a boy born just one month ago at Oak Knoll.

A very quiet and friendly person, Cmdr. Caldwell received the following tribute from a Corpsman and fellow Texan, who drawled, "He is a man who knows exactly what he's doing all the time."

"I understand a wife is a great help to a man."

"Oh, yes, she'll stand by you in all the troubles you wouldn't have had if you had not married her."

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Wave: Here's your ring. I love another.

PhM3c: Who is he?

Wave: You're not going to fight with him, are you?

PhM3c: Heck no! I'm going to try to sell him the ring.

practical training in the wards, and those interesting classes conducted by Lt. John Payne of the Educational Service.

# ON and OFF the COMPOUND

## SAN FRANCISCO

### Music and Theatre

Geary—"The Bad Man," Leo Carrillo, 8:30 p.m.  
Curran—Starts Sunday night, Sept. 2nd. Burton Holmes (in person). Exquisite Kodachrome Creations.  
Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 8 p.m. Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.  
Music Hall—"The Drunkard." Free refreshments. Nightly, 8:30 (except Monday).

### Cinema

Fox—"Incendiary Blonde" Betty Hutton, also "Midnight Manhunt."  
Golden Gate—"Scandals," Joan Davis, Jack Haley; in person, "Bobby Sherwood and his Orchestra" & Mills Bros. in person.  
Esquire—"Doctor Rhythm," Bing Crosby, "Never Say Die," Bob Hope.  
Orpheum—"A Thousand and One Nights," Cornel Wilde.  
United Artists—"G. I. Joe," Ernie Pyle's story.  
Paramount—"Pride of the Marines," John Garfield, Eleanor Parker, Dane Clark.

### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)  
Ice Follies—Winterland, Post and Steiner, reached by Sutter, Geary or Fillmore cars. Playing through August, spectacular skating revue with outstanding skating stars. Starts at 8 p.m. Admission: \$1.20, \$1.80, \$2.40, \$3.  
Wrestling—Civic Auditorium, Grove and Larkin. Mat events Aug 28, at 8 p.m. Admission: \$1.65 and \$2, plus tax.  
Boxing—Civic Auditorium, Grove at Larkin. Events Aug. 31 at 8 p.m. Admission \$1.25 and \$3, plus tax.  
Baseball—Seals Stadium, 16th and Bryant. Reached by 19 car (Larkin st. line). Admission to servicemen 30c (grandstand) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturday afternoons.

### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness, Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

## OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

### Cinema

Fox-Oakland—"Anchors Aweigh," Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson.  
Paramount—"Out of This World," Eddie Bracken, Venonica Lake.  
Orpheum—"China Sky," Randolph Scott, Ruth Warrick, Ellen Drew.  
Roxie—"A Thousand and One Nights," in Technicolor, starring Cornel Wilde.  
Esquire—"The Strange Affair of Uncle Harry," George Sanders, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Ella Raines.

### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.

De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.  
Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Ledmington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### Joaquin Miller Park

Woodminster Amphitheatre—Friday night, August 31, "Ruddigore," Savoy Opera Company.

### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and Inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.  
Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1561.

## BERKELEY

ICE FESTIVAL—50-piece Festival Symphony Orchestra, Aug 31, Sept. 7-14, Sunday, Sept. 2, 3 p.m.; Concert; Greek Theatre Sunday Musical.

## ON THE COMPOUND

### Cinema (Auditorium)

Sat., Sept. 1—"Girl Trouble," Don Ameche, Joan Bennett.  
Sun., Sept. 2—"I Love A Bandleader," Phil Harris, Rochester, March of Time News.  
Mon., Sept. 3—"Shadow of A Doubt," Joseph Cotton, Theresa Wright, also Woody Dines Out.  
Tues., Sept. 4—"Our Vines Have Tender Grapes," Margaret O'Brien, Jackie Jenkins, also Oliver Flying.  
Wed., Sept. 5—"Falcon in Francisco," Tom Conway, Rita Corday, also Victory Bound, Learn To Live, Jungle Queen No. 4.  
Thurs., Sept. 6—"Woman in Green," Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce, also Snapshot No. 10 & Pistol Packing Nitwits.  
Fri., Sept. 7—"Dangerous Partners," James Craig, Signe Hasso, Land of 10,000 Lakes, News.  
Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630. Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

## Visiting Hours

Enlisted, Officer, and Civilian Personnel are permitted visitors from 1300 to 1600 every day and from 1900 to 2030 on Wednesdays. There are no visiting hours on Sunday nights. In the event that a patient is on the critical or serious list, next of kin will be permitted to visit at any time.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Educational Services Office.

For: All patient and staff, officer and enlisted personnel.

3 September—7 September

3 Sept.—Round Table Series with Supplementary Film: "New Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Educ. Services).

4 Sept.—Lecture and Discussion with Supplementary Slides: "Architecture." Mr. Fred Langhorst (Architect).

6 Sept.—Lecture and Discussion: "Small Business Management." Mr. Kenneth C. Bugbee (Wholesalers Credit Assn.).

7 Sept.—Lecture and Discussion with Supplementary Film: "Livestock Industry." Mr. Wick Stevens (South S. F. Stockyards).



# Nature's Wonderland—Yosemite

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penters in the carpenter shop, etc. Men who desire to learn a trade are assigned to appropriate work and given the opportunity.

A required sports program is compulsory for at least one hour daily. Voluntary participation is encouraged and a great deal of interest is manifested. Ample facilities for sports in season are provided. There is tennis, golf, softball, volley ball, badminton, horseshoe pitching, swimming in summer, and skiing or ice skating in winter. Organized parties leave the hospital regularly for hiking, horseback riding, bicycling, skiing or ice skating, depending on the season.

## Local Talent Entertains

Recreation is well provided for. Excellent movies are shown in the recreation hall five nights a week. Twice a week, there are illustrated lectures and opportunities for local talent to do their stuff in a Happy Hour program. U.S.O. and other shows appear here several times a month.

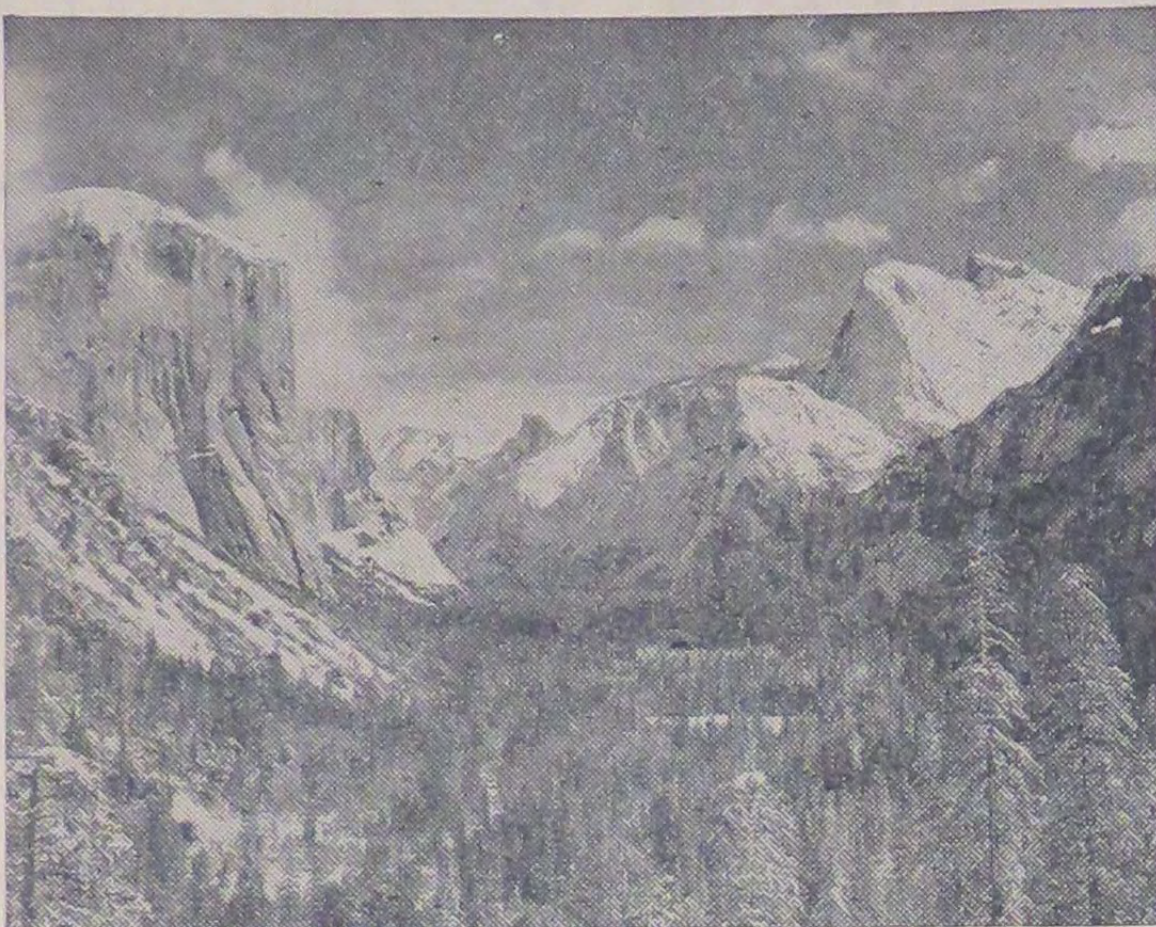
Dances are held two to four Saturdays a month. Dances are available at Camp Curry every night during the summer season and twice a week in winter. There are daily trips by Navy bus for parties to the Mariposa Grove of Big Trees and to Glacier Point, except in winter. Then, there are daily trips by Navy bus to Badger Pass for skiing or to enjoy the scenery and snow of the High Sierras. For the better golfers, a full length nine-hole course is available at Wawona.

## Families Welcomed

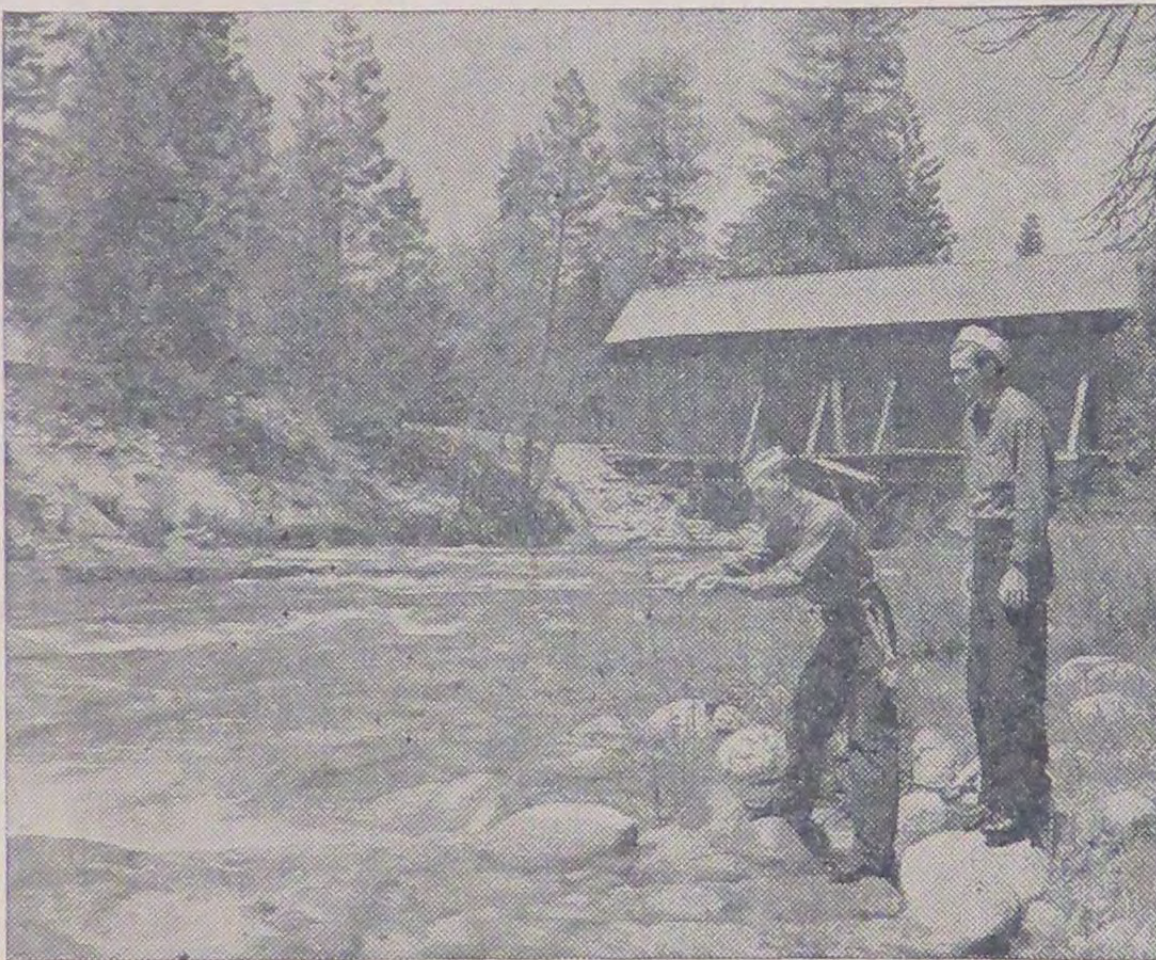
For patients who desire to bring their families to the Yosemite, 90 housekeeping tents are available at Camp Curry. During the winter, 60 non-bath housekeeping cabins are available at the Yosemite Lodge. While these are not luxurious, they are comfortable and, by special arrangement for this hospital, the rent is most reasonable. Insofar as practicable with the facilities available, families of patients may enjoy all recreational facilities with their husbands or fathers.

Weekend 48 or 72-hour liberty is granted twice a month to those desiring to leave the valley. The trip to Merced, 80 miles, may be made by private car over an all-year excellent highway or by busses of the Yosemite Park & Curry Co. From Merced, transportation by Santa Fe or Southern Pacific Railroads is available to San Francisco, Los Angeles, and elsewhere.

For patients who are overcrowded and weary in the Bay Area hospitals, who like the great outdoors, or do not require the night life of the big cities, the Yosemite is a pleasant interlude.



The work of nature and time can be seen in the wonders of Yosemite National Park.



Yosemite is noted for its good fishing and hunting. Rainbow trout are abundant here.

## To buy..sell..rent..

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### To Sell . . .

A set of marine GI blues, two white belts with a GI brass buckle, one white cap cover, one blue cap cover, good GI emblems, also a cap frame, size 6 7/8. Inquire at Marine barracks or Ward 74-B. Leonard E. Stafford, USMC.

Small ice box, \$7.50. Portable electric sewing machine, \$50. See D. R. Fox, firehouse, starboard watch, or call TR. 0322.

1935 4-door Nash deluxe Chev.—\$225 as is, must sell. See K. B. Kosling, at swimming pool.

Coach ticket on "Challenger" from San Francisco to Des Moines, Ia., \$20. Good for 60 days. James L. Clark, RM 1-c, Ward 41A.

### To Buy . . .

A portable radio, preferably a late model. See Gerald Morford, HA 2-c, nights, ward 64B, 2100 to 0700. Night barracks 25B, through the day.

A 35-millimeter still camera; must be of good quality. Please call Lt. Comdr. Harold G. Green, TRinidad 8868.

### Wanted . . .

Anyone interested in driving car to Dallas, Tex., between Sept. 8th and 10th, please contact Lt. R. C. Brown, Box 24, Hollister, Calif., or phone Hollister 26-F-5.

### Rental Exchange . . .

Three-room furnished apt., Nob Hill district, San Francisco. (No

## Off the Bookshelf

### New Fiction

Frisbie: *Amaru: A Romance of the South Seas.*

Haberman: *How About Tomorrow Morning?* (Story of a woman who combines marriage, career and an affair.)

Hayes: *Who Walk With the Earth.* (Novel of union politics and personalities.)

Jensen: *The Long Journey.* (Trilogy which won the Nobel prize for 1944.)

Langley: *A Lion Is in the Streets.* (Novel based on the life of Huey Long.)

Longstreet: *Stallion Road.* (Story of horses and horse-ranching.)

Marshall: *The Upstart.* (Love story with a setting in 18th century England.)

Neumann: *Now that April's there.* (The return of two English children to England after a war-time stay in the United States.)

Voynich: *Put Off Thy Shoes.* (Psychological novel set in 18th century England.)

Welch: *Mr. Digby.* (Humorous adventures of Mr. Digby, a newspaper photographer.)

### Mysteries

Queen: *The Murderer Is a Fox.*

Roden: *One Angel Less.*

Rogers: *The Red Right Hand.*

Shattuck: *The Half-Haunted Saloon.*

Taylor: *Proof of the Pudding: An Asey Mayo Mystery.*

### New Books on Animals and Outdoor Life

Beebe: *The Book of Naturalists: An Anthology of the Best Natural History.*

Benchley: *My Animal Babies.* (A new book by the director of the San Diego Zoo.)

Noble: *The Nature of the Beast: A Popular Account of Animal Psychology From the Point of View of a Naturalist.*

Ransom: *Fishing's Just Luck, and Other Stories.*

children or pets), \$47.50 mo. Exchange for furnished apt., flat or cottage in Hollywood or Wilshire area, or West Side Los Angeles. Contact Vendeland, Y 1/c, Ward 83-B.

### Notice . . .

Survivors of the U.S.S. Indianapolis are asked to contact Mrs. James P. Conrad, 687 Fairmount Ave., Oakland 11, Calif. Phone HUMboldt 1321.

Survivors of the U.S.S. Indianapolis please contact SK(D) 2c Jim Campbell at Clothing and Small Stores.

### Lost and Found . . .

Found—At Officers' Club, 1 pair opera glasses, 1 diamond ring. Upon proper identification, items will be returned. See PhM 2c Ray Ulrey at the club.



# The Sporting Scene

## Softballers Win In Playoffs

Our high-flying Softballers on Friday, August 24th, eliminated neighboring San Leandro Hospital from the 12th Naval District League playoffs in a thrill-packed extra-inning game by a score of 5 to 4. At the end of the regulation seven innings the score stood at 3-3, each team scored in the eighth, and in the 10th Oak Knoll hit pay dirt, with Postula ambling home with the winning tally.

### Valma Finishes

Parkinson was the starting pitcher for the Oak Knollers, and the lead changed hands three times in the eight innings he served them up. He was relieved by Valma, who handcuffed the Hilltoppers in the two remaining chapters.

### Hilltopper Error Costly

The big first half of the 10th started with Postula strolling with one out. He stole second while Harry Miller was fanning and came home when the left fielder dropped Rapp's fly ball for a two-base error.

R. H.

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San Leandro...000 021 010 0-4 5

### Meet No. 13 for Title

The championship game between Oak Knoll and Fleet Hospital No. 13 was played here Thursday, August 30. See next week's *Oak Leaf* for the glad (or sad) news.

### Tie in City League Play

A San Leandro City League tilt against Millie's Cafe team on August 27 at Thrasher Field ended in a 2-2 tie when a time limit halted play at the end of the regulation seven innings. Parkinson pitched the entire game and allowed four hits.

### Miller Gets Two Hits

Catcher Dick Miller was the offensive big-wig for the hospital with two hits and one run, with Tom McGooney scoring the other tally. The game will not be replayed, each team receiving one point for the tie in league standings.

## Pirates Edge Legion 3-2

Oak Knoll's Hardball team, the Pirates, completely cured of their spotty early season form, continued their winning streak by defeating the Erwin Post Legion team 3-2 here on Sunday, August 26th.

Williams, dependable as always, was in good form and allowed only five scattered bingles, while Ferguson supplied the hitting power with two timely singles.

The box score:

## Women's Sports

### Clark, Zachan Swim Winners

Ens. Clark continues supreme in aquatic activities, this time taking the 150 yard freestyle at Alameda on Tuesday, August 21. PhM2c Sue Zachan emerged from the Bag Room Department long enough to take first place in the 50 yard breast stroke as well as in the diving event. Sue chose the swan, jack, and jack with a half twist as her dives and picked up a neat 25½ points.

Ens. Lucille Depler and PhM2c Martha Stein were edged out of first place in the backstroke and 50 yard freestyle but expect to resume their winning ways at the next meet.

All Waves interested in these weekly meets should come out for practice with Ens. Clark on Wednesdays from 1730 to 1830.

### Waves, Civilians Softball Tourney Winners

The Cadet Nurses and Red Cross have been ousted from the compound tournament with the Waves trouncing the Cadets 13-3 and the Office Civilians whipping the Red Cross 22-11.

Chief Schovin umpired the Civilian-Red Cross game, warmed up the teams between innings, caught wild throws on the field, and acted as catcher for both squads until relieved by a courageous sailor from the crowd. Sp(A)1c Picariello umpired the Wave-Cadet game and held them down to the fine points of play, both teams expressing pleasure at competing under such strict officiating.

The final games for the Commanding Officer's Trophy were held Wednesday, August 29 and Thursday, August 30. See next week's *Oak Leaf* for the results.

### Oak Knoll

	AB.	R.	H.
Hunsinger, ss.	4	0	1
Picariello, 2b.	4	0	1
Jones, lf.	4	0	0
Felix, 3b.	4	1	0
Ferguson, cf.	4	2	2
George, 1b.	2	1	0
Cloid, rf.	4	0	0
Elenya, c.	4	0	1
Williams, p.	3	1	1

### Erwin Post

	AB.	R.	H.
Cox, lf.	4	1	1
McDonnel, cf.	4	0	1
Cadenass, ss.	4	0	0
Warnuski, 3b.	4	0	0
Klevens, 2b.	2	0	0
Housley, 2b.	2	0	0
Steen, 1b.	4	1	2
Schair, rf.	4	0	0
Condress, c.	4	0	0
Greenwood, p.	3	0	1
Womach, p.	1	0	0

## Parade Rest

The Marine Detachment Softball Team added another victory by trouncing the Chief Pharmacists to the tune of 10 to 2. The Marine team took the lead in the first inning with a total of three runs and was never threatened throughout the game. The only defeat of the season came to our team on August 9, when they bowed to the Physical Trainers.

On Friday the Marine Detachment bid farewell to **Sgt. Lawson** and **Pfc. Cooper**. The boys received their discharge papers and are heading for Mare Island, where they will once more enter the ranks of civilians. Good luck and smooth sailing, fellows. The opinion here is that the boys will be missed very much by the female gender of the compound. Both have good eyes for feminine pulchritude and not only teach the women fancy crochet stitches but also put the "fem" in feminine.

We also say goodbye to **Corp. Frank D. Dollard, Jr.**, who is wending his way to the College Training Program at Camp Lejuene, N. C.

The wedding bells are beginning to ring for **Sgt. George Gradwohl**, **Corp. Charles Huffines**, and **Pl. Sgt. Robert Cary**. Here's hoping they ring loud and long.

SMR's have become quite popular of recent, owing to the fact that certain people (not mentioning **Sgt. Fryer's** name) have been going to sleep and awakening in a mass of flame, which goes to prove, that one cigarette in the head is worth two in the bed.

**Sgt. (let me out) Blockley** has been having considerable trouble lately trying to figure out which point system the Marine Corps should adopt and if he is consid-

ered as essential. What do we think—(ha), Quien Sabe.

**Sgt. George Lauderdale** returned from furlough last Tuesday morning looking like a cross between an aerial photograph and a road map. Guess there was too much sun and too many briar patches. We don't know the complete story but you can bet the "Roaring River Kid" did his part.

It has been rumored that **Sgt. Fryer** is looking for a future wife. He claims he's a 30-year man and needs responsibilities to help carry him through the long, rough years ahead. Any volunteers?

Circus Actress: "This is my first job. You better tell me what to do to keep from making any mistakes."

Manager: "Well, girly, just don't dress in front of the bearded lady."

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Saturday, 8 September, 1945

## Mrs. C. W. Nimitz Guest Of Honor At Farewell Party



**Captain A. H. Dearing Presents  
Gift to Mrs. Nimitz.**

The Navy's highest compliment "Well Done"—was given to Mrs. Chester W. Nimitz on August 28 when she was honored at a reception and buffet supper at the Officers' Club. The occasion marked Mrs. Nimitz's retirement from her work as representative of the Navy Relief Society here at Oak Knoll.

### Given Silver Box

Captain Dearing's presentation of a handsome silver cigarette box inscribed with a message of appreciation to Mrs. Nimitz climaxed the party, which was attended by more than 800 officers of the staff and Navy Relief representatives from other Bay Area stations.

### Here Since July, 1943

It was in July, 1943, that the Fleet Admiral's wife was asked to come to Oak Knoll, and during the two years that she has held this volunteer job, she and her assistants have given aid to nearly a thousand service men and their dependents. She had previously been a member of the Board of Governors of the Relief Society in Washington, D. C.

### Expresses Appreciation

In leaving her work here, Mrs. Nimitz said, "My sincere admiration for the doctors, nurses, Waves and corpsmen is very great. These past two years have taught me the meaning of service! The privilege of meeting so many of the men who helped win the war is one I value more than words can say."

(See page 3)

## Attention! All Hands

Due to last minute cancellations applications are still being received for apartments in the Navy Housing Project recently completed at Oak Knoll.

Rental and utility costs of these furnished units are held to a minimum and both officer and enlisted staff personnel attached to this hospital are eligible. Vacancies exist for large family personnel.

Interested individuals should see Lt. (jg) Kerchner, Security Officer, in his office in the Post Office Building.

## Wave SK3c First to Leave Here on Points

Thirty-one points—figure them out yourself. Nineteen months in the service at half a point a month, plus ten points for a dependent mother and eleven and one-half points for being 23 years of age. Yes, it comes out thirty-one points and that's how lovely SK3c Louise Coffey became the first Oak Knoll Wave to be discharged under the point system. Twenty-nine or more points are the prerequisite for a Wave to apply for discharge.

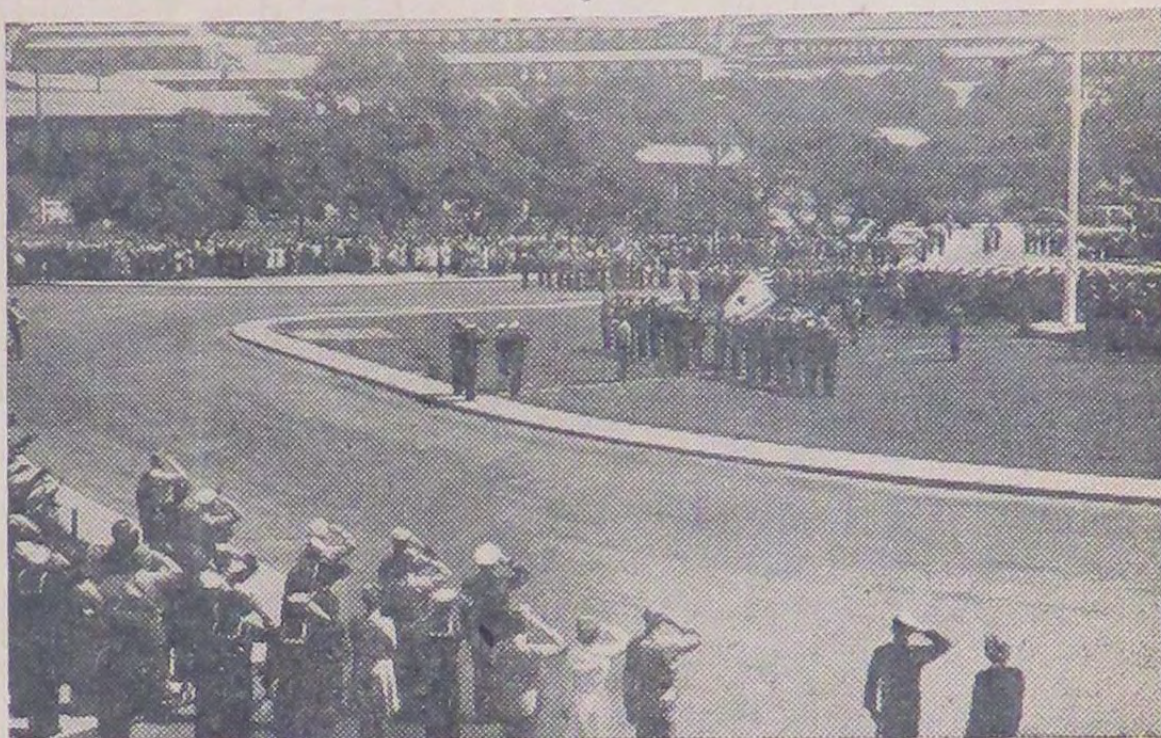
Louise, like many others in the service, plans to pick up the educational program of her life where she left it to enter the Navy. She plans to return to the University of Colorado at Boulder City, Colorado, to major in Home Economics.



**SK3c Louise Coffey**

When asked how she felt about her tour of duty, she stated very sincerely, "I never knew such fellowship could exist between people. I've loved every minute of it."

## Vets Honored in Colorful Ceremony



**Presenting the colors, during the impressive ceremony honoring our returned veterans.**

September was ushered in at Oak Knoll with perhaps our most sparkling Citation Ceremony, featuring snappy marching, beautiful weather, and a throng of civilian spectators. Held Saturday, September 1, awards ranged from the Navy Cross to unit commendations.

Pvt. William A. Goff received one of the Navy's highest honors,

## Of— Mice and Men

When the Inspecting Party led by Cmdr. Elwood (MC) USNR entered the Graphic Arts Department on Saturday morning, September 1, they found things in their usual ship-shape, spic and span order. That is, except for an inquisitive mouse wandering leisurely about on the sparkling deck and taking in the sights.

Inspection rules do not cover this specific point, but as the complement in Graphic Arts does not include mice, it was decided that he was persona non grata or something, and a wild (but dignified) chase ensued. With Mr. Mouse caught and promptly anesthetized, the episode was officially closed.

This week's Inspecting Party will find that something new has been added to the Graphic Arts Department. Prominently and proudly displayed will be a brand new, properly baited mouse trap—the gift of Cmdr. Elwood.

The Navy Cross, while to Lt. Gordon A. Gabbert (See Case of the Week) went the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Pfc. Robert D. Goode and Pfc. Jay J. Holt were honored with Silver Stars.

Other men receiving various citation awards included: Cmdr. James C. Luce, 2nd. Lt. Raymond Tarrant, Pharm. Timothy P. Fitzgerald, CMM Benny A. Johnson, CCM Howard Kennel, PhM1c Edward B. Burris, PhM2c John L. Downey, PhM3c Ted A. Rohland, S1c Harry J. Ariza, HA1c David K. Hawkins, Pfc. William Baikauskas, and Pfc. Joseph D. O'Brien.

## Gas, Added Feature Of Ships Service

A full-fledged gasoline station, providing ethyl at the nominal price of 14 cents per gallon, now functions on the hospital compound. It is located in the old Transportation Building, near the Public Works Department.

All service personnel and dependents, providing they show dependency cards, are eligible to buy gas here. The station is open from 8 a. m. to 4:30 p. m.

## Notice

The AWVS East Oakland Canteen, located at 90th and MacArthur, announces that it will be closed September 3 to October 8.



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## • Happy New Year

On this day and tomorrow, Rosh Hashana, those Jewish people all over the world who are mindful of their tradition will pray to God "to hasten the time when the mighty shall be just and the just mighty; when all the children of men shall form one band of brotherhood; when national arrogance and oppression shall have passed away, like so much smoke, from the earth. . . . The New Year festival is far other than the mere opening day, according to the olden Jewish reckoning, of another year in the flight of time. . . . It is not a time of revelry. It is a solemn season of self-examination and self-judgment in the life of the Jew".

After services held on two days of the New Year some families will receive or visit relatives or dear friends. There may be modest refreshments or a duck dinner, or chicken or turkey. But it is a thoughtful, serious day.

Some of us not of the Jewish faith have wondered about the date of this New Year. The Jewish calendar is based on lunar reckoning. The circling of the moon around the earth constitutes a month, and 12 months a year. This lunar year is shorter by about 11 days than the solar year. So every two or three years an adjustment is made by adding another month of 29 days. Jewish months never run parallel to the months of the solar year, and therefore Jewish holidays fall each year on different dates of the civil calendar. Originally the New Year was celebrated on but one day. But it happened that when the Jews of Palestine sent messengers to carry tidings of the new moon, this method was so slow that not all communities could be reached within one day. The High Court in Jerusalem ordered that the Jews outside Palestine should celebrate each of the principal festivals for two days. This usage persisted even after the permanent calendar was adopted, though reformed Judaism has returned to the original one day.

Now, when the thoughts of all the world are turned to hope of peace, we might be mindful of the New Year's prayer of every earnest Jew—that he "think not only of himself, but of peace and blessedness for all mankind".

(Quotations are from J. H. Hertz, 1924.)

### ODE TO A GURNEY

The tale is very sad,  
Of the passengers I've had;  
What an awe-inspiring mixture of  
complaints!  
Yet, on one thing they're agreed;  
On the fascinating speed  
I can get from that ill-begotten  
thing, the gurney.

The wheels are never straight,  
And I'm filled with righteous hate,  
As the gurney starts to shimmy  
down the road,  
And you'll hear a loud "Look out!"  
As all the patients shout,  
While down the ramp, I scamper  
with my load.

So on to Surgery One,  
Where there's always lots of fun,  
And a haven for my gurney—thank  
the Lord!

But I know it can't last long,  
Ere I hear that haunting song;  
"Gurney detail, on the double"—  
to a ward.

What with blisters on my feet,  
And this California heat,  
I'm as miserable as any guy could  
be;

But I hope—some day—by heck,  
To become an O. R. Tech;  
Then at last from the gurney I'll  
be free.

## Welcome Aboard Shipmates!

Forty men, fresh from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, Farragut, Idaho, arrived for indoctrination and duty here this past week.

We wish to remind these men that only regular Navy men are now permitted to attend technician schools. It is possible at this time to change over to the regular Navy, if you are within a specific age group. Further information may be obtained at the Staff Personnel Office in the Administration Building.

From Farragut we welcome John William Adams, Charles Lynne Adams, Harold Martin Albertson, Paul Peter Battistoni, Warren De Vol Carrigan, Gordon Philip Chouteau, Edward Louis Del Beccaro, Salvatore Joseph De Salva, Dudley Preston Glander, James Edward Graham, Jr., James Merritt Groover, Allan Dean Hammer, William Henry Hodges, Jr., Billy Daniels Hughes, Philip Paul Johnson, James Clayton Kamprud, James Edward Kennedy, Kenneth Edward Klosterman, Andrew James Lagomarcino, Curtis Edward Lather, George Warren Lindahl, Thomas Paul Loufek, Joseph Horace Monast, Jr., Donald James Mull, Riley Richard Nelson, Norman Kerry

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. Comdr. Leon Rosone MC(S) USNR, Lt. James Sunden (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Ernest W. Henderson (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Gordon M. Morrison MC-V USNR, Lt. Melvin J. Kirkeeng (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Stephen J. Spitzer (MC) USNR, Cmdr. Harold E. Kerr (MC) USNR.

### Going

Lt. (Jg) Allan R. Elliott D(S) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Ernest W. Henderson (MC) USNR, Lt. Henry O. Koven (MC) USNR, Lt. (Jg) Henry M. Larsen ChC USNR, Lt. (Jg) Herbert V. Davis (MC) USNR.

Pellerino, Richard Jerome Peterson, Daniel Drury Powell, Frank LeRoy Reasonover, Jr., Harold James Roper, Robert John Sak, Henry Charles Schneider, Jr., Gerald Joseph Sielski, James Orlan Simmons, Jr., Alex Thomas Smith, Jr., Richard Ralph Tillman, Roy Henry Twardowski, Danny De Vaughn, Edgar Kress Wilson, Ben Henry Wolf.

From the Naval Medical School, NNMC, Bethesda, Md., we welcome PmM3c Robert F. Coleman, recently assigned here for duty.

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., U. S. N.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

Then there was the draftee who claimed exemption on the ground of bad eyesight and brought his wife along as evidence.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Our Dreams Are Coming True

One morning when our ship was coming into a Philippine port I saw a sailor looking over the rail who had stenciled in big white letters on the back of his jacket the word C-H-I-C-A-G-O. As I passed him I said, "We are a long way from Chicago now, aren't we?"

"Yes," he answered, "we are. But I guess you have to get about this far away to really appreciate home."

The little pleasures of home are those we remember most: a Sunday evening snack out of the ice box, supper in the back yard in summer, walking down an old familiar road, a hymn full of memories in the church of our childhood, and people we love near by. These are some of the memories that stir a restless ache in our hearts that only home can fully satisfy.

That anxiously-awaited day when we will be "home for good" will be here for many of us in just a matter of time. What has been only memories will be reality. Our dreams are coming true.

These months and years of loneliness can serve us well if we never forget what we missed in them. For too many men commonplace experiences are purely incidental. They were to us before we had them taken from our lives. We know now that life abounds with good things. Most of them we accept without so much as a passing thought because they are so simple. The bountiful goodness of God is all around us; we but have the eyes to see it. Our dreams have opened our eyes all the way.

Berlyn V. Farris

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, C. V. Roebuck, H. M. Larsen, E. A. Day.  
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
Daily Devotionals—(Except Sunday)—0730.  
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.  
L. D. S. (Mormon):  
All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
Confessions Before all Masses.  
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Carl Straus, Ext. 261.  
Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. With all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



## Our Doctor

Lt. Madsen has seen the Navy from a number of angles—in war and peace, ashore, afloat and in the Fleet Marines, and both as an officer and enlisted man.

### Served Four-Year Hitch

Born in Sioux City, Iowa, before he got down to the serious business of completing his education, he



Lt. Harold J. Madsen  
MC-V(G) USNR

served a four-year hitch in the Navy from 1926 to 1930. Attaining the rate of Musician second class, he went through boot at Great Lakes, served a year at San Diego and three years aboard the battleship, USS New York.

### Graduated Cum Laude

During the last year of his hitch, young Madsen did some serious thinking and decided that the gold braid of a naval medical officer was for him. So he worked his way through the University of South Dakota, graduating cum laude and then went on to Rush Medical College in Chicago. Here he not only got his MD degree but rated membership in the honorary AOA fraternity, the equivalent of the non-medical Phi Beta Kappa.

### Too Old For Navy!

Ironically enough, when he went back to his first love, the Navy, he was informed that he was too old. So, with his internship and residency in Seattle behind him, he worked for a year in a Veteran's Mental Hospital and then hung out his shingle in Mount Vernon, Washington.

### Saw Action on Tarawa

With the outbreak of the war, the Navy was more than glad to take Mu2c Madsen back as a jg in the medical corps. He went into action promptly with the 2nd Division, landed the first day at Tarawa, and later took part in the Salpan and Tinian campaigns. Altogether he was overseas twenty months before returning for some well-deserved stateside duty.

Now a hard-working medico in the NP service on ward 79B, Lt. Madsen puffs reflectively on his modernistic, chromium-plated pipe, considers what he terms his "relatively unexciting life," and ponders on a future about which he is undecided.

### May Stay in NP Work

He may go back to practice in Mount Vernon, Washington or he

## Mrs. Nimitz's life reads like fiction

In the little city of Quincy on Boston Bay, a bridge game was in progress. Between hands there was the usual lively conversation—the best part of any bridge game. All eyes were turned toward Catherine Vance, a young strawberry blonde with deep blue eyes. "You know, girls," she was saying, "It's a good feeling to think that you're helping some one, and that's the way I feel everytime I take a group of Boston girls on a 'country week.'" Just as she had warmed to her subject, the doorbell rang. Three young Navy officers entered. Mary, the hostess, took their hats, introduced them, divided them quite impartially among the groups of players. Catherine, in the gaiety of the moment, completely forgot about the country week. The good-looking young lieutenant who sat opposite her had an interesting job too, she decided. He had come into port to pick up a submarine, and he spoke eagerly of getting her in order and ready for the sea. Catherine liked the way he talked, the way he looked; she even liked the sound of his name. It was Lt. Chester W. Nimitz.

That was the beginning of a life of grand adventure for the man who is now our Fleet Admiral and for his wife, who retired last Saturday from her job as representative of the Navy Relief Society here at Oak Knoll. They were married in 1913 and since then they have lived on the East Coast, in China, on Oahu, on a Japanese mountainside (She loved it!), in and out of San Diego aboard the U.S.S. Riegel, and where else? "Oh lots of places," Mrs. Nimitz will tell you, with a wave of the arm that indicates that it doesn't matter much as long as Chester is there.

Married at 20, she gave up college without regret for what she fondly refers to as "a liberal education." Her recipe for an interesting life is "Never know too much today about what you may do tomorrow." She and the Admiral think that sometime, perhaps, after his four more years of active service are over and they have had time to travel, they may want to settle down. Because of this possibility, they have purchased a homesite on a hilltop overlooking the Pacific. It's a 3½-

may stay in NP work. Speaking of his qualifications in the psychiatric field, he admits, "You don't have to be crazy, but it helps."

During the years Lt. Madsen was garnering that cum laude from North Dakota, he managed to do something else of which he is very proud—marry the girl who had been his childhood sweetheart. They now reside in San Leandro.

acre piece of land on Bret Harte Heights in Marin County across the Bay.

Next to telling a good story of her own or quoting one of the Admiral's well-known jokes Mrs. Nimitz likes to talk about her children. Catherine, the oldest, is acting as chief of the Music Division of the Public Library in Washington, D. C., while her husband, Comdr. James T. Lay, is overseas. Comdr. Chester William Nimitz, Jr. is instructor in the navy submarine school at New London, Connecticut. Nancy, who "would die if anyone finds out she's a Phi Bete," also works in the library in Washington. Then there's 14-year-old Mary who still wears pig-tails and will soon go back to the Dominican Convent in San Rafael for the fall term.

When the children and their father are away, Mrs. Nimitz likes to spend her time reading, studying Chinese, or painting—landscapes, still life, portraits—"anything that comes along." Many of her friends have enjoyed her work, and her best press agent—her husband—is proud of her talent. "You know Chester even thinks I can sing," Mrs. Nimitz told the Oak Leaf reporter. "Well, I could 20 years ago," she laughingly admitted.

It was in July, 1943, that Mrs. Nimitz was asked to come to Oak Knoll. Previous to coming to California she had served as a member of the Board of Governors of the Relief Society in Washington, D. C. And the same feeling of wanting to help that she had been aware of as a girl led her to accept the volunteer job that she has held here for the past two years. When she closed her books and turned them over to Chaplain Armstrong and his assistant, Mrs. A. M. Snell, they contained records of aid given to 868 servicemen and their dependents. She is proud of the job she did here, but it is characteristic of her that she wanted the Oak Leaf to mention her only in the few lines it would take to say that everyone she has worked with was wonderful and that she would like doctors, nurses, and enlisted personnel to know how deeply she appreciates the help they have given her.

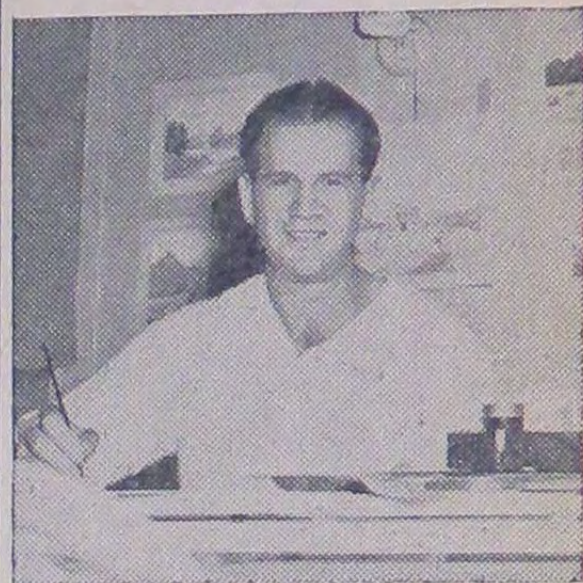
The Admiral's wife is proud too of the traditional "Well Done" that was said to her Tuesday evening when Captain Dearing, officers of the staff, and Navy Relief representatives of the Bay Area honored her at a reception and buffet supper in the Officers' Club.

But she is prouder still of the 36 gardenias she received last Saturday on her "engagement day." With them was a short but interesting message signed, "Chester."

## Bed Patient Art Wizard

S. 2/c Seth W. Millett confined to ward 61B has turned wistful hours of lying in bed into fast, exciting hours by developing his hobby of water color painting.

Millett arrived at Oak Knoll suffering with rheumatic fever and



S2c Seth W. Millett

the doctor told him that he would have to stay in bed. Being an active person he found this a sad blow to his morale and it was then that he decided he would continue his studies in painting.

Having obtained the necessary supplies the next obstacle was to find something to paint, as he had specialized in landscapes before entering the Navy. This presented a problem until he thought of the many trips he had taken along the coast of Southern California and the scenes of majestic beauty he had seen in the Imperial Valley and the High Sierras. These are the panoramas he now paints, and more realistic scenes of outdoor wonders we have seldom seen.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

10 September—14 September

10 September—"News Development" Round Table Series with Supplementary Film. Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

11 September—Round Table Discussion: "Opportunities in the Merchant Marine." Mr. Max Kimble, Mr. H. Pellon (Warships Admin.).

12 September: Round Table Discussion: "Papers and Paper Products Industry." Mr. A. N. Towne, Mr. J. L. O'Connell (Blake, Moffitt & Towne).

13 September—Lecture and Discussion: "Banking." Mr. W. Dunlop (Am. Trust Co.).

14 September—Lecture and Discussion with Supplementary Film: "Fruit Growing." Mr. Thomas Morrison (Farm Advisor).



## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Human Torch of Leyte Recovers, Receives D.F.C.

The Army didn't want him because he was underweight, but the Navy thought that they could fatten him up, and anyway, he had been flying for four years and they



Lt. Gordon A. Gabbert, USNR

thought that they could make a combat flyer out of him. The Navy was right, for this week Lieutenant Gordon Andrew Gabbert, USNR, got a Distinguished Flying Cross at the U. S. Naval Hospital here in Oakland.

## Loaned to MacArthur

With Composite Squadron No. 65, Gabbert shipped out on the CVE "Midway" from San Diego on April 21, 1944, to Saipan to take part in the invasion there. At Saipan they did combat air patrol and covered the landing of the Marines. After this mission was completed they made Eniwetok, where they took on provisions. From there they went to Morotai on loan to General MacArthur for a second invasion. This proved something of a disappointment, for they found only three Japs on this trip. They came eventually to Manus (the fleet anchorage) and thence to Leyte.

It was on the way to Leyte that the CVE Midway was re-christened the "St Lo", a name that brings to mind the battle of the Philippine Sea. Some say the ship's luck ran out with the old name, for it was sunk by a bomb hit which reached its torpedo stores three hours after Gabbert had made his last take-off from its deck.

## Enemy Task Force Sighted

On the morning of October 24, Ensign Brooks, who was doing anti-sub patrol, reported that a Japanese task force was coming down the San Bernardino Straits. This was contrary to the report of the previous night when this same task force was reported hightailing it for safety. Ensign Brooks, after giving the alarm, dive-bombed them with depth charges before returning to his base.

In the Japanese task force there were four battleships, seven cruisers and nine destroyers, all the newest, fastest and the best of the

Japanese fleet. Admiral Kincaid, who had fought in the Aleutians and encountered the Japanese Navy the previous year, when he saw this flotilla, he stated that there were more Japanese than he had ever seen before. Ours was an invasion force and not a task force capable of opposing a major enemy fleet unit on equal terms, for we had only five baby flat-tops and a small force of destroyers and destroyer escorts! The American commander, nevertheless, decided to make a running fight of it, changed his course and ordered planes launched for an attack.

## Strafe the Japs

At 7 a.m. Gabbert, executive officer of the squadron, took off in a fighter plane (Grumman Wildcat), along with three other pilots and joined up with planes from other carriers. They strafed the Japanese task force with everything they had, partly to cover the attacking torpedo planes which the carriers had launched and partly to confuse the fire of the Japanese gunners.

Gabbert knocked out an AA gun during the hour that he was out and continued to buzz back and forth over a Jap battleship until his ammunition was exhausted. He then made two "dry runs" to further deflect the Japanese fire and on his third dry run he endeavored to drop his belly gasoline tank on the ship, but it wouldn't let go. During his stay in the air he had witnessed the running fight between the outnumbered American ships and the oncoming Nips, and had seen two of our destroyers go down under Jap gunfire.

## Lands on Airstrip

Since the "St. Lo" was steaming with the wind and could not take planes aboard, and since the air officer on the ship knew that the plane's fuel would be running low, Gabbert was ordered, by radio, to the two-day-old airstrip that the Army had established on Leyte. Here he re-fueled and re-armed his plane and took off once more down the airstrip, back to the attack on the Japanese task force.

The airstrip was a small one, and as he took off he dropped his flaps to gain speed. His right flap failed to drop—(just as the gas tank had done earlier in the morning—the plane swerved off the runway and hit a second plane which was stuck in a shell hole, at the side of the runway. Gabbert's plane was a blaze of fire in a second. He crawled out of his plane, with his clothing a mass of flames. Stunned as he was by the collision and the blow he had received when his face struck his gunsight, he finally got his flaming body to solid ground and rolled over as many times as he could manage.

# Wave Fashions of The Future?



With civilian days coming in the not too distant future, added to fact that Navy personnel will soon be sporting civvies during lib hours, two of our sailorettes give a preview of what the well-dressed Wave will wear. Both HA1c Lola Houser and HA2c Margie Paul purchased complete outfits. Lola in anticipation of her husband's turn from the European theater, and Margie in anticipation of return to college.

## Had Extensive Burns

His face was burned, his arms and his left leg, and there were burns on his scalp and further down his neck and back. His Mae West and his back pack saved him from more severe burns, but the ones that he had were bad enough. From the airstrip he was taken to an Army field hospital, where his burns were treated and plasma administered. The first night at the Army hospital was bad, since the Japs made a lucky hit on an ammunition dump and the resulting explosion sent bomb fragments through the tent and even his pillow. Gabbert wanted to make for a foxhole, but some unsung Army medic held him down and continued to supply him with drinking water and morphine all night.

On October 26, he made an eight-day trip to Hollandia aboard an LST with a broken screw and with repeated Japanese bombing and strafing en route. The heat aboard the LST was unbearable and there was no sickbay. Gabbert made the voyage on the crippled ship in the troop quarters and was very glad to leave it at Hollandia. From Hollandia, at Base No. 117, he was evacuated at Oakland, via Bris-

bane, Australia, and arrived December 1, 1944.

## Down to 100 Pounds

If the Army thought he was derweight they should have seen him and weighed him at Knoll. For when he arrived, Gabbert weighed 100 pounds with bandages on. Under the bandages there were large areas of infernal third degree burns. Gabbert has been the problem child of Dr. Michael Gurdin and the composite plastic surgeons ever since, some penicillin-resistant bacteria in his wounds have furnished ferocious opposition to skin grafts. He is not sure whether he has nine or eleven man-size skin grafts but he does know that there are very few sound areas on his body from which skin has not been "rowed."

The job is done now except a few minor finishing touches. He lives near the compound with wife and year old son, Don, and he is counting the time when he will return to Dallas, Texas, to enter business with his father. Gabbert does not think that we want to do any more flying except for fun of it!



# Navy Medical Center, Bethesda, Md. is scenic and Hospital wonder

The National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Maryland, has often been termed the Show Place of the Medical Navy. Almost everyone is familiar with the appearance of its structure. The style is monumental and its balanced beauty gives the observer a sense of quietness and repose. In the interior corridors and in the rooms various colored terra cotta is extensively used with a most harmonious effect. The lobby is lined with Vermont marble of three colors and trimmed with white bronze.

The tower of the administration building, which is set on a bluff, dominates the landscape for many miles in all directions. This tower is devoted to wards and sickrooms, the entire eighteenth floor being given over to lounges and solaria for patients.

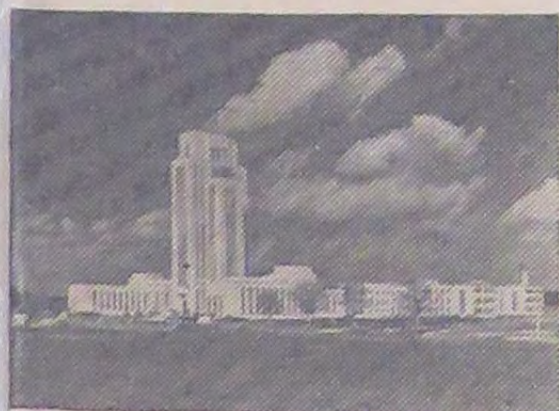
## Includes Study and Research

One of the first things to be remembered is that the Medical Center includes not only a naval hospital but a naval medical school, dental school, medical research institute and a hospital corps school for Waves. All of these are separate commands under the general administrative command of the MO-in-C of the National Naval Medical Center.

If you have requested to be assigned somewhere on the East coast in order to be nearer to your home you may be ordered to USNH, Bethesda, since this hospital contains the facilities of a general hospital. However, many special kinds of cases are handled, including plastic surgery, prosthetic eye repair and neurosurgery. Also, wards have been set aside for the treatment and study of tropical diseases, and the staff is working in cooperation with that of the Naval Medical School and the Naval Medical Research Institute.

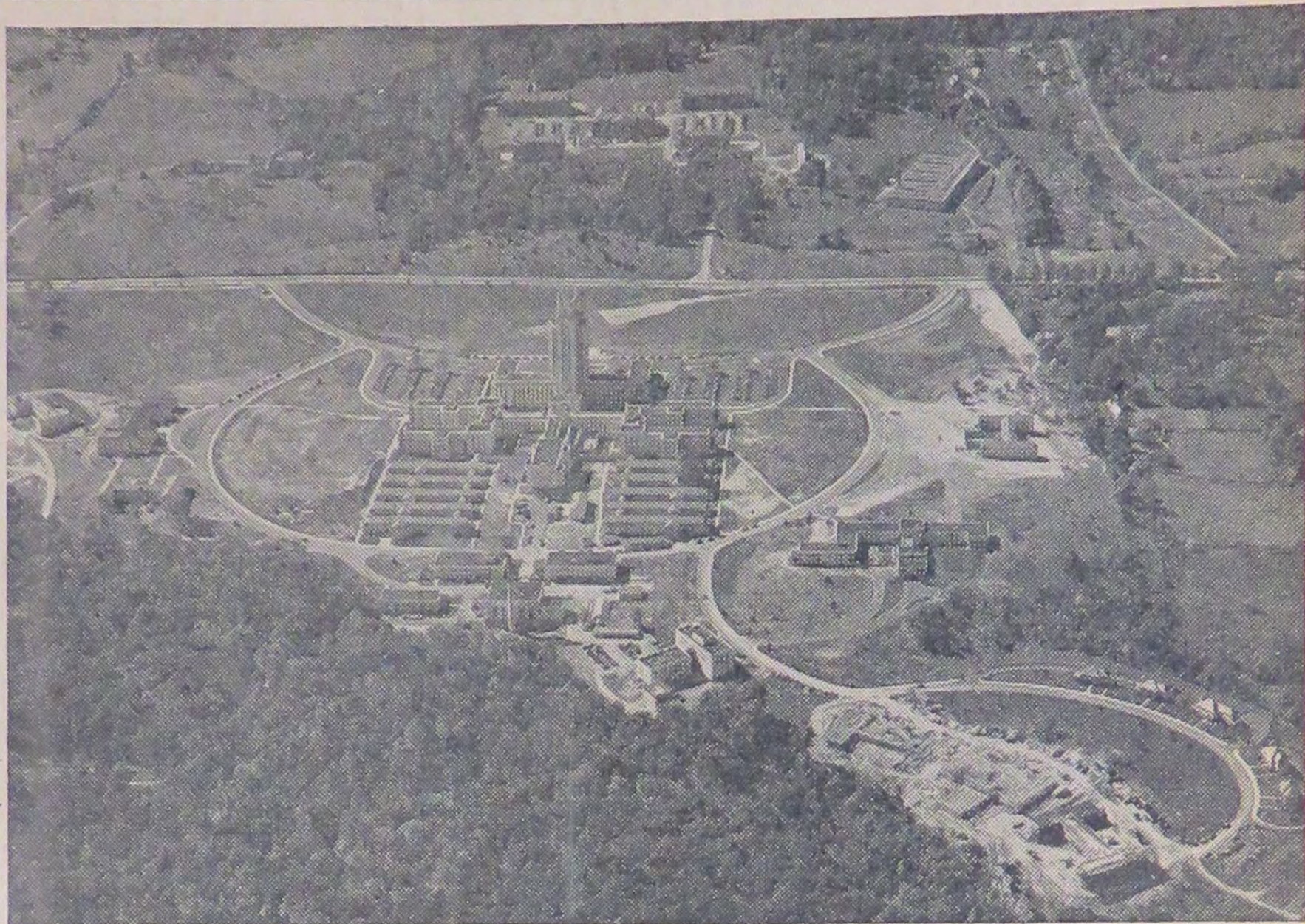
## Near Washington

The Center is located approximately one mile from Bethesda,



## A Symbol of Progress

Maryland. This little town affords limited liberty facilities but the city of Washington, D. C., presents the recreational opportunities expected in a city of 750,000 population—plus the well-known points of interest associated with the nation's capital.



The National Naval Medical Center at Bethesda, Md., as seen from the air. It is known as the show place of the Medical Navy.

Everyone has joked about the crowded condition of Washington. As a matter of fact, it is no joke and probably patients at USNH, Bethesda, experience less attention from the city organizations than do patients assigned to other hospitals, simply because there are so many thousands of military people surging through the city. Every second person one meets in Washington is looking for a place to live. Long lines often form in front of the restaurants and cafeterias. Waiters often dash up to tables with a check before the customer is half through his meal. But it will take you about two visits to the city to weather this pace—then you will find that the complete charm of the architectural and landscaped surroundings has more than compensated for these details.

## The Best in Entertainment

There is one theater in Washington where most of the stage productions from New York are shown and run sufficiently long so that most people have the opportunity to enjoy them. Washington is famous for its Summer Symphony conducted in the outdoor theater on the edge of the Potomac River at the base of the Lincoln Memorial. During winter, opera and symphony may be enjoyed at famous Constitution Hall. And, of course, the patient transferred to USNH, Bethesda, should not miss an opportunity to visit Mount Vernon.

There are transportation facilities available from the hospital to

Washington and the trip to the center of the city via bus and streetcar requires approximately one hour. (Taxi fares are high for trips to and from the hospital to the city.) By train, Baltimore and the Naval Academy at Annapolis are approximately one hour away. Philadelphia may be reached in three hours and New York City in four hours.

Incidentally, one especially attractive feature about the hospital is that, though large, it is extremely compact and you won't get wet or cold going from ward to ward. Bon voyage!

## Attention, Veterans!

All officer and enlisted personnel who are interested in the Maritime Service and are awaiting their release from the Service are invited to attend the Round Table Discussion to be conducted by Mr. Max Kimble and Mr. Howard Pellon from the War Shipping Administration, Topside Marine Detachment, 0900, Tuesday morning, 11 August.

## Lt. Comdr. Orr (NNC) Detached

Many friends of Lt. Comdr. Orr (NNC) will miss her ready wit and winning personality, but to Miss Orr being detached from Oak Knoll is another exciting chapter of her Navy life which began back in 1927 and has practically carried her around the world.

Naming the places she has seen duty at is like reading the index of a world map. Here are a few of the most important Naval bases to which she has been attached: Portsmouth, Va.; Guantanamo Bay, Cuba; U. S. N. H., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Washington, D. C.; Annapolis, Md.; Canacao, P. I.; U. S. N. H. Chelsea, Mass.; U. S. N. H. Great Lakes, Ill.; U. S. N. H. New Orleans, La.; Santa Margarita Ranch, Naval Hospital, Oceanside, Calif.

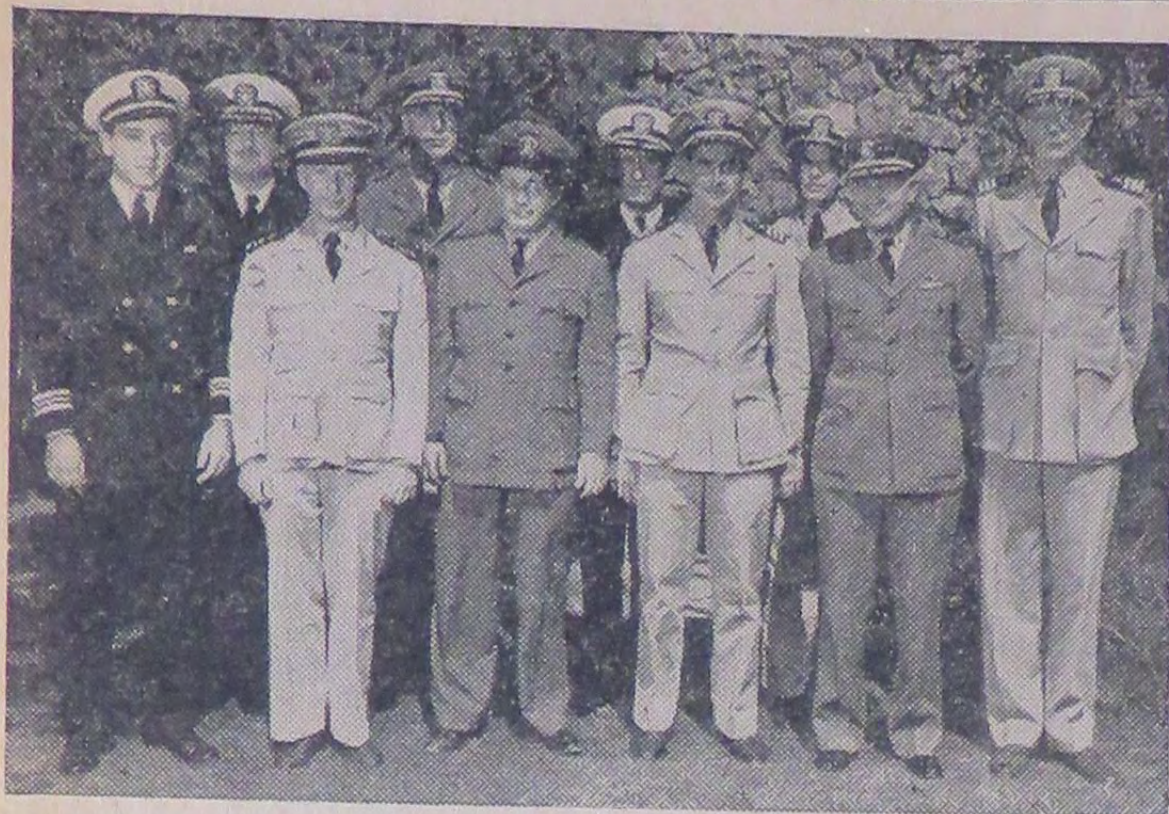
Miss Orr is looking forward to returning to the Far East as she states: "That since leaving Canacao, in the Philippines, I have always wanted to return."



Lt. Comdr. Orr (NNC), USN



## 25 Oak Knoll Medics are Promoted



Above are eleven of the twenty-five Officers who were recently promoted to higher rank. Shown are Commanders S. H. Baron, R. T. Bothe, P. M. Ellwood, H. A. Haven, H. F. Thompson, H. L. Vidricksen, D. L. Wilbur and Lieutenant Commanders J. A. Barr, J. J. Furlong, R. E. Johnson and H. W. Newman.

Twenty-five officers of Oak Knoll's staff were recently promoted to higher rank in a brief but impressive ceremony. Sixteen were elevated to the rank of Commander.

They were: Shirley H. Baron, Russell T. Bothe, Albert L. Brown, Hildahl L. Burtness, W. A. Campbell, Paul M. Ellwood, Hale A. Haven, Paul O. Huth, H. W. Kelley, H. P. Maloney, H. F. Thompson, H. L. Vidricksen, D. A. Ward, D. L. Wilbur, H. G. Davies, and J. C. Luce.

The following officers received the rank of Lieutenant Commander: James A. Barr, J. J. Furlong, R. E. Johnson, H. W. Newman, W. B. Rew, W. C. Thoroughgood, M. B. Engel, Leo R. Prinz, Jr., and Harold E. Rock.

## Off the Bookshelf

Something new has been added—

Bemelmans: *The Blue Danube*. (The usual fanciful Bemelmans book, with a German setting and attractive illustrations.)

Hilton: *So Well Remembered*. (Story of a public-spirited Englishman and of a remarkable woman and her influence on three men.)

Lawrence: *A Star Danced*. (Autobiography of the well-known actress, Gertrude Lawrence.)

Marshall: *The World, the Flesh, and Father Smith*. (Story of a Scotch priest and his parishioners.)

Steele: *That Girl From Memphis*. (Love story with a background in an Arizona mining town of the 1880's.)

Trumbull: *Silversides*. (True story of a submarine.)

Williams: *It's a Free Country*. (Another of Ben Ames Williams' studies of the seven sins—another strange woman.)

## Parade Rest

"Now when I was in the service," is getting to be a standby slogan for the boys of the Marine Detachment. This week two more staff personnel, Sgt. Mark J. Griffin and Sgt. Stanage H. Ring, bid farewell to their typewriters, desks and service uniforms and enter the ranks of "zoot suiters."

Sgt. Seth W. Bailey received his orders and on Saturday left for duty at Inyokern, Calif. Sgt. Bailey, who has been helping keep up the Quartermaster end of the Detachment for almost a year, deserves a three-gun salute for the splendid work he has done in issuing clothes to the many, many incoming patients.

### A Laugh a Day—

Dunne: *Dissertations* by Mr. Dooley.

French: *Sixty Years of American Humor*.

Goodman: *How to Do Practically Anything*.

Grant: *It's 'Ard to Go Wrong in the Cactus*.

Grant: *It's 'Ard to Stay Clean in the Country*.

Hersey: *GI. Laughs*.

Hersey: *More GI. Laughs*.

House: *I Give You Texas!*

Jessup: *The Best American Humorous Short Stories*.

Kimbrough: *How Dear to My Heart*.

Kimbrough: *We Followed Our Hearts to Hollywood*.

Leacock: *Frenzied Fiction*.

Leacock: *Happy Stories*.

Leacock: *Laugh Parade*.

MacMurray: *Out on a Limbo*.

Marquis: *Archy and Mehitabel*.

Nash: *The Face Is Familiar*.

Nash: *Good Intentions*.

Perelman: *Crazy Like a Fox*.

Partridge: *Excuse My Dust*.

Saturday Evening Post: *Post Scripts*.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Geary—"The Bad Man," Leo Carrillo, 8:30 p.m.  
Curran—Burton Holmes (in person). Color Travelogue Films.  
Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 8 p.m. Sunday matinee at 2 p.m.  
Music Hall—"The Drunkard." Free refreshments. Nightly, 8:30 (except Monday).

#### Cinema

Fox—"Incendiary Blonde" Betty Hutton, also "Midnight Manhunt."  
Golden Gate—"Scandals," Joan Davis, Jack Haley; in person, "Bobby Sherwood and his Orchestra" & Mills Bros. in person.  
Orpheum—"Lady on a Train," Deanna Durbin.  
United Artists—"G. I. Joe," Ernie Pyle's story.  
Paramount—"Captain Eddie," Fred MacMurray.

#### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)  
Baseball—Seals Stadium, 16th and Bryant. Reached by 19 car (Larkin st. line). Admission to servicemen 30c (grandstand) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturday afternoons.

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

#### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Cinema

Fox-Oakland—"Anchors Aweigh," Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson.  
Paramount—"Incendiary Blonde," Betty Hutton.  
Orpheum—"Call of the Wild," Clark Gable.  
Roxie—"A Thousand and One Nights," in Technicolor, starring Cornel Wilde.  
Esquire—"The Strange Affair of Uncle Harry," George Sanders, Geraldine Fitzgerald, Ella Raines.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.  
De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.  
Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-4 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1581.

### BERKELEY

ICE FESTIVAL—50-piece Festival Symphony Orchestra, Sept. 7-14.  
Sunday, Sept. 2, 3 p.m.; Concert; Great Theatre Sunday Musical.

### ON THE COMPOUND

#### Cinema (Auditorium)

Sat., Sept. 8—"Strange Illusion," Phil Silvers, Warren Williams.  
Sun., Sept. 9—"Uncle Harry," George Saunders, Ella Raines.  
Mon., Sept. 10—"China Girl," Gene Tierney, George Montgomery.  
Tues., Sept. 11—"Duffy's Tavern," Ed Gardner, Marjorie Reynolds.  
Wed., Sept. 12—"Bewitched," Phyllis Thaxter, Edmund Gwenn.  
Thurs., Sept. 13—"Easy to Look At," Gloria Jean, Kirby Grant.  
Fri., Sept. 14—"Kiss and Tell," Shirley Temple.

Sat., Sept. 15—"Song for Julie," Shirley Ross, Barton Hepburn.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630. Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:  
Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

## Visiting Hours

Enlisted, Officer, and Civilian Personnel are permitted visitors from 1300 to 1600 every day and from 1900 to 2030, on Wednesdays. There are no visiting hours on Sunday nights. In the event that a patient is on the critical or serious list, next of kin will be permitted to visit at any time.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

#### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.  
1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

### BUS SCHEDULE

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

I would like to become a member of the Oak Knoll Bridge Club.

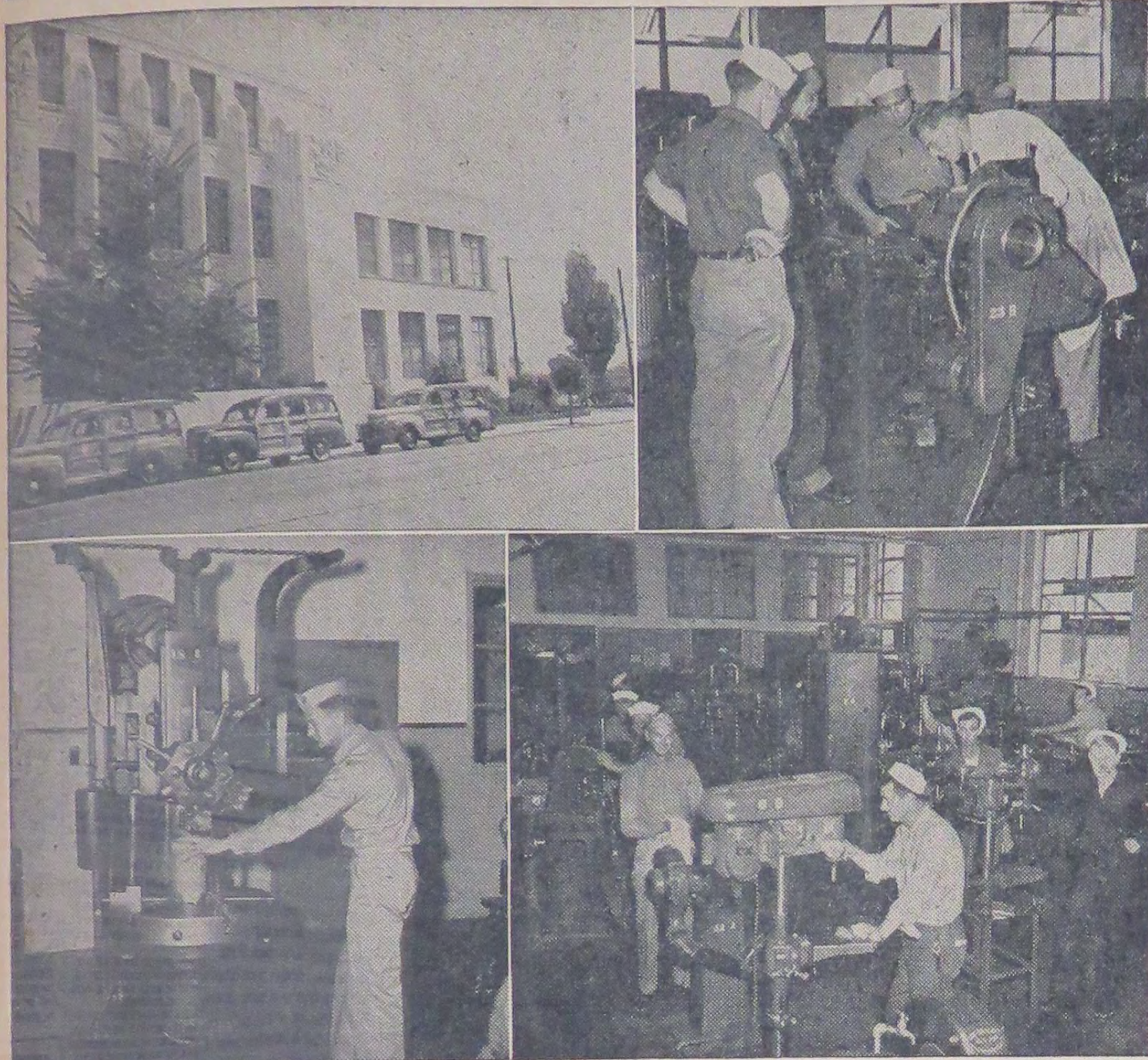
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Rate..... Ward or Dept.....

Deposit in Oak Leaf Box,  
Ship's Service Lobby.



# Want to learn a trade the easy way?



Upper left, view of Berkeley Trade School, showing Oak Knollers arriving in A.W.V.S. station wagons. Upper right, students receive instructions on how to set a metal lathe. Lower left, a Marine vet operates a giant press. Lower right, over-all view of patients deeply absorbed in the art of creating and learning.

Four afternoons a week a group of patients can be seen loading into A.W.V.S. station wagons at Building 133. These men go to the Berkeley Trade School where under expert supervision they study and work in one of the largest and most modern machine shops in California.

Men who take advantage of this training realize that soon they will be returned to civilian life. They know that untrained hands will find it tough to acquire work in the post war world so they are doing something about it now.

Tool making, as well as other machine shop trades, are one phase of industry that will always be in demand. Styles and materials may change from time to time, but the dies and machinery vary only in size and capacity.

The Berkeley Trade School has everything, from the machine that saws a 1/2 inch pipe to a massive power press with a force of 200 tons. Patients are allowed to choose the type of work they care to do, and can make anything they are qualified to make.

Because transportation is limited only the men who really intend to follow this trade are encouraged to attend these classes.

## To buy..sell..rent..

### To buy . . .

Small reflex type camera, preferably rolleiflex or rolleicord. Lt. (jg) I. A. Ginsberg, Ward 61B.

### To sell . . .

Coach ticket on Challenger from San Francisco to Des Moines. Good for 45 days. \$20.00. See Frank A. Boach, Ward 41A.

Five rooms of furniture for \$200.00. Call TR. 0322.

Radio, Philco cabinet style (battery), operates six months on one battery. \$60.00. See Doench, Ward 64B.

### To rent . . .

Four-room apartment, two bedrooms. \$500 for furniture. See Dennis Smith in Post Office.

\$31.93 a month will buy 2 bedroom home, excellent condition, partly furnished if desired. 966 Billings Blvd., San Leandro. See Lt. Bechtel, Ext. 164.

However, if you are interested in this field contact the Educational Service Officer in Building 133.

## Wanted to rent . . .

Furnished room for two. Call PhM3c W. A. Glidewell in Pharmacy, Ext. 256.

## Lost . . .

Man's 15-jewel Yellow Gold Round Faced Elgin Watch with Brown Leather Strap. PhM2c Bill Cook, Ward 78A.

Brown, striped Shaeffer Pen, cap missing. See D. H. Campbell on Ward 83B.

Small, Black Leather Billfold. MoMM3c Victor G. Carlson, Ward 80B. Identification urgently needed. Please return to Provost Marshal's Office.

## Found . . .

Sum of money in vicinity of Commissary 2. Owner may have by reporting to Commissary 2 and stating sum lost.

## Notice . . .

Survivors or POW of USS Canopus, please contact Mrs. Thelma Hutchison, 1965 10th Ave., San Francisco.

Employment in Social Catering or Industrial Cafeteria Operations available for wives of service men. \$1.00 per hour, 3-hour minimum. Contact Guy Grace, 5500 Foothill Blvd., KE. 2-3952.

## BASE NOTES

★ Who introduced whose girl to the entire Patient Personnel Department? (Who has her now?) Ask Henry.

★ Walter Dean Peck of Graphic Arts celebrated his 19th birthday on Sept. 4. Cake from Salt Lake City, ice cream from Ship's Service, and kisses from Dottie and Frances were the order of the day. Congratulations!

★ Four of our best known and liked men will leave the Oak Knoll family this week to attend the Navy's new Demobilization School at the U. S. Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois. They are PhM3c Pete Turner, Legal Assistance Office, PhM3c Theodore H. Welch, Provost Marshal's Office; PhM3c Frank Russo, and PhM3c Edwin S. Stephens, Staff Personnel Office.

★ Vic Rizk of Staff Personnel took time out over the week-end to compute statistics and discovered that the average age of staff members is 23 years of age.

★ Marie McDermont of O.P.D. celebrated V-J day and her birthday all at once by having the duty. Happy birthday, Marie.

★ Wave Lt. Ross presented The Oak Leaf staff with a box of luscious California Grapes, which they shared with patients and friends. Thank you, Ma'am!

• Interesting Personality: William K. Manning, mechanic in the Transportation Dept., who spent two years overseas as a volunteer medic with the American Field Service. He served with the British in both India and Egypt, invaded Italy with Mark Clark's forces, served at Naples, Cassino and Salerno. He returned to the U. S. to join the Navy and see some real sea action in the Pacific, only to have the war end before getting across. Well done, William K. . . .

## Post-War Navy May Be Cut to 400 Warships

(SEA).—The U. S. post-war Navy may not have more than 400 warships and 8,000 planes in active commission, according to Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal, who said the remainder of the fleet, consisting of 800 ships and 21,000 planes, should be kept in reserve for use when the need arises.

Mr. Forrestal said the immediate mission of the Navy was to continue to control the waters and ports of the Japanese Empire, and pointed out that a sizable reserve fleet is an insurance against future contingencies.



# The Sporting Scene

## Pirates lose to USNRH 113 In Championship Playoff

Oak Knoll's penchant for losing championship softball games held good August 31 when we dropped the playoff in 12th Naval District Hospital play to the peppy lads from Fleet Hospital No. 113 by an 11-5 score. The Knollmen fought it out on even terms for five innings, but then succumbed to the aggressive play of the visitors, led by Oak Knoll alumnus Mason.

The fast-talking Fleet Hospital men got off to a flying start over the sluggish locals with two runs in the initial frame, but Oak Knoll revived briefly in the second and third to tie the score and then surge ahead 3-2 in the fourth. Fleet Hospital 113 came back with one in the fifth off the weakening Valma and then went on to massacre the locals and Parkinson in the sixth and seventh.



Oak Knoll at Bat

Stanke and Ferguson were the big guns for Oak Knoll, with two hits apiece, while Gaston led the extensive slugging indulged in by the visitors. Every man, with one

exception, on the Fleet Hospital team got at least one hit.

This game ended the season's play for Oak Knoll's Softballers—a season which saw the locals winning a majority of their games but never quite copping top title honors. The box score:

Oak Knoll		AB.	R.	H.
Gammill	.....	2	1	0
O'Brien	.....	4	0	1
Postula	.....	3	0	0
D. Miller	.....	4	0	0
Concannon	.....	3	0	0
G. Rapp	.....	4	1	0
Stanke	.....	4	1	2
Ferguson	.....	3	1	2
McGooley	.....	2	0	1
Valma	.....	2	0	1
*Parkinson	.....	1	0	0
**Lindsey	.....	1	1	1

Fleet Hospital 113		AB.	R.	H.
Rowell	.....	3	1	1
Prior	.....	4	1	1
Gee	.....	4	1	1
Mason	.....	4	1	1
Angus	.....	4	1	1
Hurley	.....	3	2	1
Gaston	.....	4	2	3
Faessler	.....	3	1	1
Martinez	.....	3	1	0
Garza	.....	3	0	1

Fleet Hospital .. 113 200 014 4—11  
Oak Knoll ..... 000 011 200 1—5

\*Parkinson relieved Valma in sixth with one out after Hurley tripled.

\*\*Lindsey batted for Postula in seventh, hitting and scoring on error by Gee.

## Waves are Champs

The coveted Commanding Officer's Trophy was officially awarded to the Wave Softball Team winners of the hard-fought tournament. Captained by "Rickey" Riechenbach, the Waves came through to win 12-6 over the Nurses, Thursday, August 30. Sacrifice hits, force outs and double plays were featured, along with regular "kill the umpire" cries from both sides and the spectators.

Both teams had a string of wins behind them, and the spectators really rallied 'round to keep up the excitement of the game. The Oak Knoll Nurses have won over the Nurses from Treasure Island, Shoemaker and Fleet Hospital 113.

Members of the winning team: Pitcher, "Tex" Ware; catcher, "Jimmie" Mirto; first base, "Ricky" Riechenbach; second base, "Denny" Dennison; third base, E. Page; shortstop, Phyllis Hilborn; short

field, Pat Smith; right field, Kay Frieburger; left field, "Del" Huls; center field, H. Fiske.

## Nurses Trample Civilian Office Workers 27 to 12

Wednesday, August 29, the Civilian office Workers suffered bitter defeat at the hands of the powerful Nurses Soft Ball Team. The Nurses ran over home plate 27 times to win 27 to 12.

The Civilian Office Workers earned a word of praise for batting it out seven innings with only six players in the field, assisted by a courageous male patient (identity unknown) behind the plate.

## Headquarters Visitors Win Here

San Francisco Headquarters Wave Soft Ball Team visited here Monday, August 27 and walked away with a 9-1 victory.

The team from headquarters is one of the few undefeated teams in the Twelfth Naval District.

## Corpsman Earns Diploma While Serving Here



HA1c Daniel J. Grady

Staff corpsman HA1c Daniel J. Grady has been awarded a high school diploma from Lake View high school in Chicago, Ill. He had completed only one and one-half years of work in actual residence and received his diploma on the basis of General Education Tests administered here.

Only eighteen years old and in the Navy nine months Grady came to Oak Knoll from the hospital corps school in San Diego. He expects to enter the school of forestry at the University of Montana when he is released from service and will use his spare time studying courses directly related to forestry.

Remarkably enough, Grady completed the five GED tests without preparation in an average of two hours per test.

However, the Oak Knoll Waves will have a chance to redeem themselves Monday, September 10, when they meet the Marine team from San Francisco on our athletic field.

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## 48A Defeats 64A

In a sizzling softball game patients on ward 48A defeated the patients of 64A by a 6-4 score on the athletic field recently.

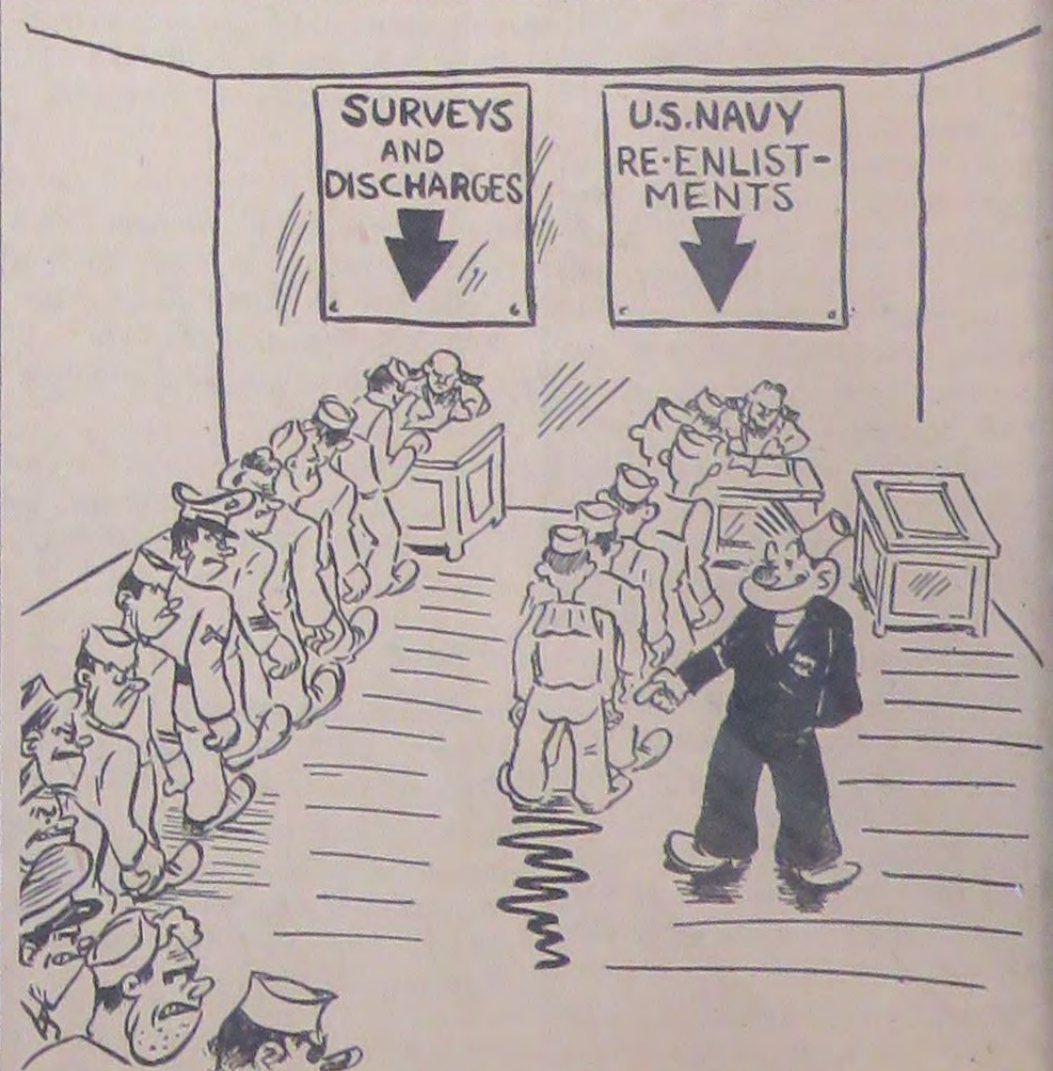
Home runs were the deciding factor, with Chapman of the 48A team getting two. Chief Tyner, Specialist A, coached the winning aggregation.

On one of the Marshall Islands, the Marines have put up a sign which reads:

HOTEL ATOLL,  
No women atoll,  
No beer atoll,  
Nothin' atoll.

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"All right, you'se guys, let's even off these lines!"





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## HC Now Eligible For Discharges

Good news for Hospital Corps personnel was contained in an LNAV issued early this week. Beginning September 15, they become eligible for release under, generally, the same rules applying to other ranks and rates in the Navy.

### Job Not Done

However, it must be emphasized that the exact date of discharge of HC personnel having the required number of points cannot at this time be definitely set.

The point score set for Pharmacist's Mates and Hospital Corpsmen is the same as that laid down for other enlisted personnel: 44 for men and 29 for women. The order set a separate critical score of 35 points for nurses and women doctors and 49 and 35 points respectively for male and female officers in the hospital corps including hospital specialists. For doctors the score necessary was set at 60.

### Credit for Overseas

In addition to one half point for each year of age, one half point for each month of service, and ten points for dependency, the new order grants one quarter of a point for every month's service outside the continental United States since September 1, 1939.

## Men With Aviation Ratings, Attention!!

If you plan to utilize your Navy Aviation Training in the future, come discuss your plans and problems with Clarence E. Bennett, Personnel Manager of the United Airlines, who will visit the hospital, Wednesday, 19 August, 0900, Topside Marine Detachment Building.

## Veterans Needed for Medicine, Dentistry

WASHINGTON, (SEA.)—The Government is campaigning to enroll 12,000 veterans in medical and dental schools to meet the post-war need, Manpower Chief Paul McNutt has announced.

With 40% of the nation's practicing physicians now in the armed forces, it is estimated at least 35,000 more civilian doctors will be needed. The Army, Navy and Veterans' Administration will require another 30,000. Goal of Manpower Commission is 8,000 for medical and pre-med schools and 4,000 for dental schools.

Men reporting to Separation Centers will be supplied with full information on opportunities of a medical and dental education and an explanation of financial aid available under the G. I. Bill of Rights.

## First Housing Unit Tenants Enjoy "Life at Oak Knoll"

Santa Cruz Island Village (named for the famous battle of Santa Cruz Island in the Solomon Islands campaign) officially opened its doors to Oak Knollers, Saturday, September 2.

### Built by FPHA

Built by Oakland Federal Public Housing Authority, these units are of the best modern design and ma-

terial obtainable under wartime conditions.

The village consists of 56 com-



Mrs. Arrington, wife of PhM1c Arrington, prepares the first meal in their new home.

## Separation Centers Will Process Gobs in 72 Hrs.

(SEA).—Separation Centers have been established for enlisted personnel at Bainbridge, Md.; Boston, Mass.; Camp Wallace, Texas; Charleston, S. C.; Great Lakes, Ill.; Jacksonville, Fla.; Lido Beach, N. Y.; Los Angeles, Calif.; Memphis, Tenn.; Minneapolis, Minn.; New Orleans, La.; Norfolk, Va.; Norman, Okla.; St. Louis, Mo.; Sampson, N. Y.; San Francisco, Calif.; Seattle, Wash.; Toledo, Ohio.

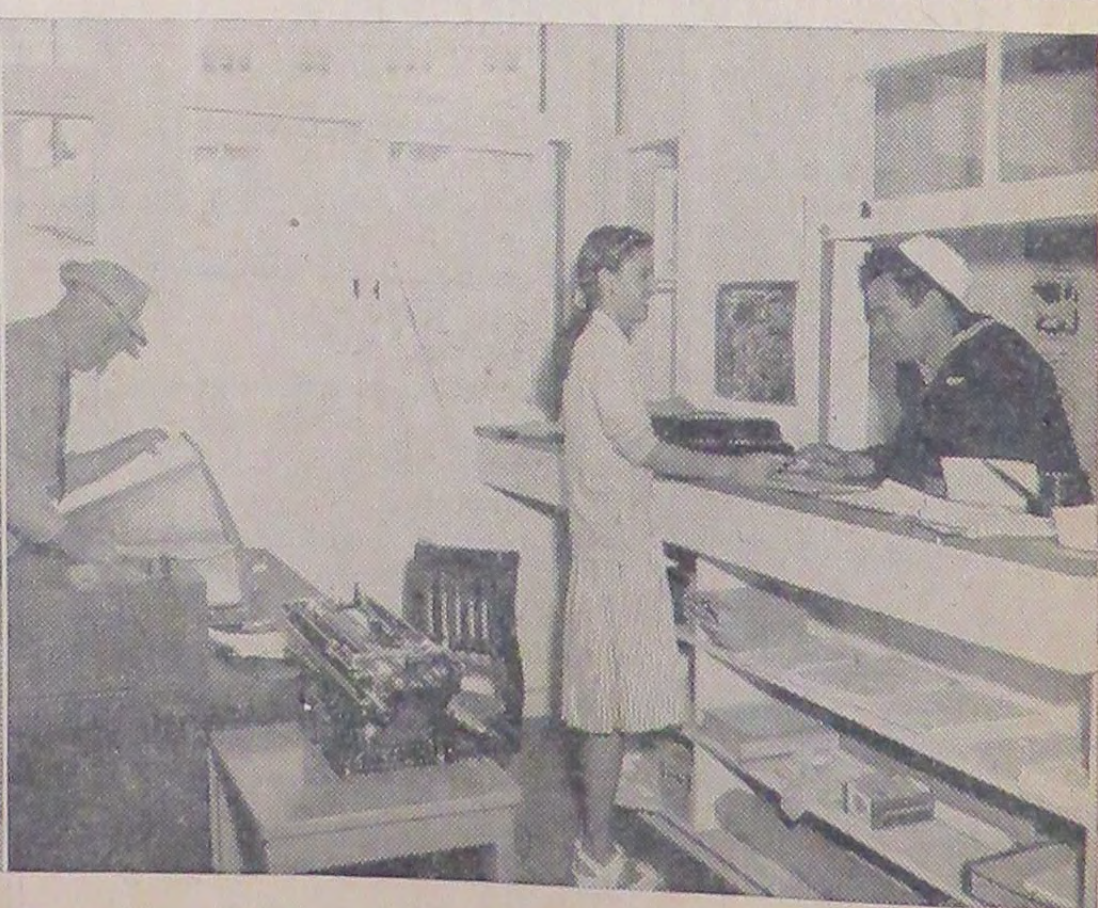
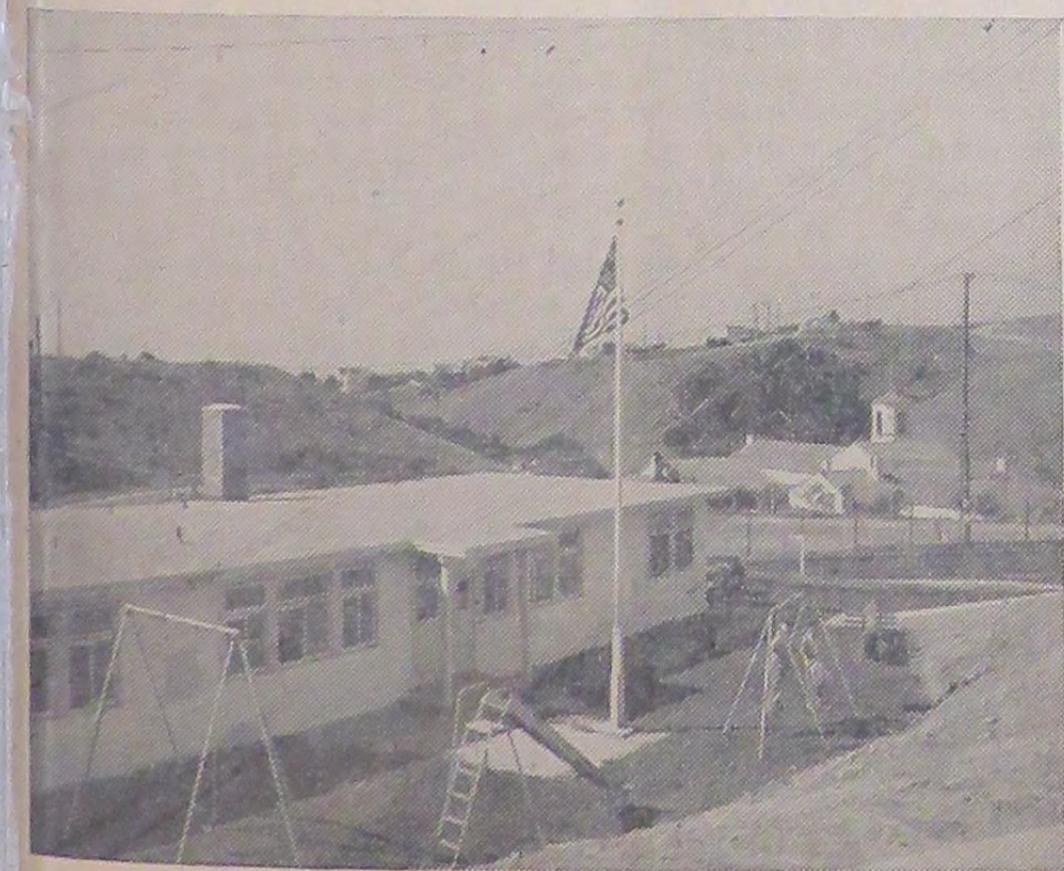
Dischargees won't get liberty during their 72 hours of processing at Separation Centers. Busy five hours a day with medical exams, pay accounts, insurance, rights and benefits, the time remaining will be occupied with a complete recreational program.

plete units, some of which are two bedroom units for families of four to six persons.

### Has Playground

A modern playground for children as well as a town hall for community meetings are two of the features included to give the occupants a feeling of living in a friendly city.

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Upper left, a view of the Administration Building with playground in foreground. Upper right, office of the Santa Cruz Island F.P.H.A., showing Mr. Lumpkins, Maintenance, and Miss Judith Whitehead, Clerk, receiving rent from a tenant.



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## • In Whose Hands the Power?

Making news along with the atomic bomb comes the realization that less than 1% of the G. I.'s have accepted the Government's offer of education after the war. The one is almost as alarming as the other. For, because of the terrible potentialities of atomic energy, one must ask, in whose hands will be the power? Are we going to be wise enough to handle it? Will there be enough thoughtful men and women who will seriously study their heritage from the past as well as the world-wide welter of contemporary history, to really achieve a better world? Or has the enforced extroversion of war destroyed the normal balance between extrovert and introvert qualities in our men so that they do not want to think, but only to "do",—to earn money, acquire all the latest gadgets, cars, planes, fun and comforts, and to heck with the kind of world their children will inherit?

Educational opportunity, for men and women without seriousness, without curiosity, without an intense love of life, without eagerness to understand themselves in relation to the rest of mankind, is a very dim beacon, indeed. But among the 99% who rejected the fine opportunities offered in the G. I. Bill of Rights must be many who do have these God-given qualities, and need only the training-to-think, the larger horizon, the cultivation of a vast tolerance through understanding, to insure their becoming wise and noble guardians of our future.

Perhaps, when the aftermath of revulsion against all things that have to with war has been cleared away by the clean air of these United States, more of our boys will give more serious thought to the wise and generous offer that has been made to them. Let us hope that the Government will give them a rain check.

## Navy Correspondence

### AS WRITTEN

### AS MEANT

"For necessary action—"  
"Current policy requires—"  
"Confer with—"

Your headache now,  
I've forgotten; so have you.  
Send your corpsman to talk with mine.

"Forwarded"

Pigeon-holed in a more ornate headquarters.

"Hold"

Forgotten.

"An increasing body of military opinion—"

Two brass hats have agreed.

"For immediate action"

Do something NOW or we'll both catch hell.

"For your information"

Let's both forget it.

"For remark"

Do the pick and shovel work.

"Your section was negligent"

You just caught hell.

"You are commended"

Here's where I get a dirty detail; "additional duty."

"Military tradition expects—"

I've just been talking to an Old-timer.

"Subject: Delayed Report"

Wow! Find those papers!

He is: An Admiral.

"You will afford him all facilities and assistance—"

An Admiral's relative.

A Congressman.

—from the "Port Scope."

## Welcome to Oak Knoll, Shipmates!

Forty-three graduates from one of the last large classes planned to graduate from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif., arrived at Oak Knoll for further training and duty.

Many of these men will no doubt replace men who have been overseas for some time, and to these men will fall the task of rebuilding bodies and minds that have been wracked by the horrors of war. It's a big job and much training will be required to do this quickly and thoroughly. Good luck and welcome while here at Oak Knoll to the following:

Howard Clark Anderson, George Robert Armbruster, Norman Lynch Barnard, Theodore Justin Broedlow, Carl Nathan Bromberg, John Daniel Lavern Bryson, Peter George Callas, Richard Byrd Courtney, Franklyn Clyde Dallimore, Jr., Duane Robert Dees, Leon Claude Dobson, Jack Gronholm, William Bradford Grotegut, Donald Dawson Hagan, Wilbur Dwight Harrell, Frank Gomez

Haynes, Robert Paul Hencken, Clarence Hollibaugh, Leonard Joseph Kalapus, Estele Gilbert Kromann, James Willard Lawrence, Robert Nathan Lee, Stanley Bernard Lewis, Willard Charles Lincoln, William Charles Livingston, Orley Emery Loring, Jr., Jack Vandel McIntyre, Edward Bennett Murray, Arnold David Neble, John Novak, Fred Anthony Peters, Dallas Edward Roach, Lewis Fletcher Roberts, Jr., Paul Earl Quandt, Henry Arthur Rosendin, John Melvin Smith, Lester Brinton Spencer, Charles Scott Stanton, Richard Roe Steffen, Jay Paul Thomson, Paul Sterling Trevithick, William Johnston Virgin, Max "E" Wilson.

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., U. S. N.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

WAVE: "Did I ever show you where I was tattooed?"

Boy Friend: "No!"

WAVE: "I'll point it out some time when we're passing the place."

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Opportunity

To hundreds of thousands of our shipmates and comrades in the armed forces, the immediate future presents a great responsibility. For several years we have been engaged in totalitarian war, embracing every phase of national life and affecting each one of us. The man and woman in uniform has sacrificed without hesitation their economic security, the happiness of their homes, and all the comforts of civilian life, in obedience to their country. Thousands of our buddies have died at their battle stations, while tens of thousands have returned home wounded and ill. For over three and a half years we have fought and toiled onward until, with the advent of the atomic bomb, our foe suddenly capitulated.

In a moment our thoughts have turned from destruction and the horror of war to peace and the construction of a new world. Uppermost in men's minds today are thoughts of home—marriage, college-employment, etc. Even though millions are still in uniform, they are thinking of the old swimming hole, the girl they left behind, the advantages of specialized training, and above all, permanent employment. What makes the situation more difficult is that never in the history of our nation has any generation been so favored. Under the G. I. Bill of Rights, the Government stands behind returning service personnel. Not only does the mustering out pay assist during the adjustment period, but also it prepares the young man or woman for college education. Such opportunity presents a great responsibility. Some will undoubtedly let their chance of success idly drift by; a few will sell their birthright for a mess of pottage; while others will labor and will realize the fulfillment of hopes which five years ago appeared as dreams.

Let each one of us, as we build for the future, prayerfully seek to take advantage of every golden opportunity. Let us remember those solemn words "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required, and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more."

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, C. V. Roebuck, E. H. Day, Walter M. Theobald.

Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.

Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.

Daily Devotionals—0730.

Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

L. D. S. (Mormon):

All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0800 and 1100 in Auditorium.

Weekday Mass—0645 and 1830.

Confessions Before all Masses.

Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.

Friday (Chapel)—2000.

The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



## Our Doctor

Lt. E. Howard Fralick (MC), VG, USNR, is one doctor at Oak Knoll who does not use pills or other medicine to treat his patients, but we daresay he has one of the most successful records of any doctor attached to Oak Knoll.

### Uses Nature's Tools

He heads the Physical Therapy Clinic, where his tools consist of giant vats of swirling water, with



Lt. E. Howard Fralick (MC) personally looks in on a patient receiving treatment in a Hubbard Tank.

controlled temperatures, every type of Sun and Ultra Ray Lamps known to the medical profession and a variety of exercise machines. He is assisted by a competent staff of specially trained Physical Therapy Technicians whose hands seek out and loosen the most stubborn muscle and tendons.

### Hails From Colorado

Dr. Fralick graduated, class of '40, from the University of Colorado, in his home town of Denver. He journeyed to Eloise, Mich., to serve his internship at the famed William Seymore General Hospital. While practicing at this hospital he attained associate membership in the American Medical Association as well as in the Wayne County Medical Society. Living close to the Great Lakes, he acquired and pursued his favorite hobby, trout fishing.

### Studied at Mayo Clinic

He was called to active service April 16, 1942, and was sent to Kansas City, Mo., for six months. From there he was sent to Rochester, Minn., to receive a special course in Physical Therapy at the famous Mayo Brothers Clinic. From there he came direct to Oak Knoll, where his skill has earned for him the title of one of the best in his field.

### Plans to Specialize

What few hours he has free from his duties at Oak Knoll he spends in a quiet apartment in Oakland with his wife. When asked as to his plans for the future, he stated that he is going to specialize in Orthopedic Surgery, and like many others assigned to duty on the West Coast, there is a good chance that California will be his permanent home.

## Here's Dope on GI Insurance

The Bureau of Naval Personnel urges you to convert (change) your National Service Life Insurance, but before doing so, you should know your future financial status.

When you leave the service, it is suggested you delay converting to another type of policy until you see a clear financial road ahead—until you are once again established in the business or professional world. Then you will know what monetary burdens you can assume without material injury to yourself or those dependent upon you for support.

Due to a three-year extension in service insurance policies recently granted by Congress, all policies may be continued for eight years after their effective dates. Thus Navy policy-holders have plenty of time to decide on a desirable conversion plan.

Service insurance may be converted into Ordinary Life (payment of premiums for life), 30-pay life (pay premiums for 30 years) or 20-pay life (pay premiums for 20 years). The government pays the cost of administering the program.

The insurance may be carried in amounts from \$1,000 to \$10,000. Under present law beneficiaries receive monthly income—not a lump sum—depending on the amount of insurance carried and the age of the beneficiaries. The insurance is effective regardless of travel and any other hazards, such as occupation and residence.

Once you are out of service, your first payment should be made in the first month following discharge, a check, money order or bank draft, payable to the Treasurer of the United States, being mailed to the Collections Sub-Division, Veterans' Administration, Washington 25, D. C.

Policies may be converted while in service by contacting the Benefits and Insurance Office in the Post Office Building, or after discharge, by applying to the Veterans' Administration or any of the field offices.

The insurance may be converted after it has been in force for one year and within the term period, without physical examination. The new policy may be made effective as of the same date of the original term policy or as of the date any premium becomes or has become due. The premium rate is based on your age on your birthday nearest the effective date of the new policy selected. If the policy is dated back, it will be necessary to pay the difference in reserve, which is the approximate equivalent of the difference between the premiums on the new policy back to effective date, and the premiums actually paid to date.

## WORTH FIGHTING WITH



PICTURED ABOVE IS THE SWEET YOUNG THING THAT ANXIOUSLY AWAITS THE RETURN OF H.A. OKIE, HER LOVED ONE. SINCE HER HUSBAND, OKIE, LEFT FOR THE SERVICE LAST YEAR, MATILDA HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN WAR WORK AT SAN DIEGO. SHE TAUGHT JIU JITSU TO THE FAMED "CARLSON'S RAIDERS."

## \$60,000 Jackpot For Vet Author

NEW YORK, (SEA).—There's a \$60,000 book contest on tap for all present and former members of the United Nations Armed Forces under the sponsorship of Thomas Y. Crowell Co., American publishers; George G. Harrap & Co., British publishers, and Columbia Pictures Corp.

The winning author, writing either fiction or non-fiction, will collect \$6,000 outright, and including royalties and film rights, the total take is expected to be over \$60,000.

Entries must be in on or before 30 June 1946. Write the Crowell Co. at 432 Fourth Avenue, New York, for contest rules and entry blanks.

Illustrations of monthly premiums for \$10,000 insurance on each of the three plans follow:

	20-Pay Life	30-Pay Life	Ordinary Life
Age 25...	\$21.20	\$16.70	\$13.70
Age 30...	23.10	18.30	15.60
Age 35...	25.30	20.30	18.00

## Lawn Furniture Adds Comfort



Shown above is Nurse Ens. Sietz, seeing to it that the boys are comfortable in some of the new lawn furniture which has recently been added to every corner of Oak Knoll.

Much comment has been made in regard to these chairs and tables. Every patient feels the need of sunshine after confinement in a ward. It was previously necessary to either lie on the damp ground or walk about in the sun. Now, thanks to our considerate Skipper, all hands may enjoy the comforts of the swankiest of beach club furniture.



CASE OF THE WEEK

# Case of Navy Wife Stresses Continued Need for Blood

When Japan capitulated on August 14, 1945, the nation's Blood Banks nearly went broke, for once the war was over the populace decided that there was no further need for blood. Many Blood Banks folded up completely and others were just solvent. Even our Blood Bank here on the compound suffered for lack of blood donors. Contrary to what you hear or think, there is still a great need and the supply doesn't half cover the amount required.

### Hemorrhages After Delivery

Mrs. Helen Pich, the wife of a Naval Officer overseas, who came in as a dependent patient to have her baby, is a good example of this need for blood. Mrs. Pich, after previous pre-natal care, arrived at the hospital on October 1, 1944, in plenty of time to have her baby girl. This was a normal delivery. Two hours later, however, Mrs. Pich began to bleed freely and five hours later she was in "shock." Plasma was administered and, a few hours later, blood. A week later Mrs. Pich was in trouble again, for she started all over and more blood and plasma was given her, for she was in shock once more. This time she was taken to the delivery room to have her wounds packed and sutured. After another stretch in bed, on about October 22nd, she started to bleed again, and again she was taken to the operating room for still further repairs in a hope that the bleeding could be permanently stopped. Meantime, Mrs. Pich rallied and then sank, for on November 1st, she again had to be packed and was given more blood. In fact, Mrs. Pich's life hung in the balance intermittently from October 1, 1944, to the date of her discharge on November 19, 1944. In all she had some 26 pints of blood and between 15 and 20 pints of plasma.

### Something to Know

There are five things that go in the clotting of blood; one only has a

pronounceable name, i. e., calcium. However, all five are present in transfused blood. Some of the deficiencies can be supplied artificially, as in the case of vitamin "K"—but the others must be supplied by blood, and the treatment for "bleeders" is now, and always will be, blood and more blood.

### Patient Needed 50 Pints

Every time a bleeder of any kind comes to the hospital there is a terrific call on the blood bank. One man who came to the hospital last year had a mysterious hemorrhage from his bowel; he required 50 pints of blood and finally made a complete recovery. A chief who was operated on for a bleeding ulcer (August, 1945) needed 12 pints. The need is here every day, and while the doctors study the cause of bleeding the old reliable treatment of transfusion goes on.

### All Blood Is Used

It is rather interesting that the biggest demands for blood have been for conditions other than war wounds. None of the blood is wasted; if it is not used locally it goes into the manufacturer of plasma; it is freely used where it is needed and it should be just as freely given. There will be other patients like Mrs. Pich, and there always will be—those who can be kept alive by blood and by blood alone.

## Department Changes

Lt. Kershner (HC), USN, has added the Bag Room and Clothing Claims to his department, which is located in the Security Office, second deck of M. A. A. Building, Phone 192.

Pharm. Charles E. Christley, USN, is now the Officer-in-Charge of Direct Transfers, located in Patient Personnel Dept.

Pharm. Lloyd E. Goffe, USN, has assumed the duties as head of the Medals and Citation Division, Patient Personnel Dept.

## Housing

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This housing project solved to a great extent one of the chief problems faced by staff members of Oak Knoll by providing a place for their families to live.



Mrs. Dawn Rowe, wife of ChPhM Rowe of Property and Accounting, feeding their young son, Harold Franklin, Jr.

Much of the credit should go to Captain A. H. Dearing, who spent considerable time and effort to make Santa Cruz Island a reality.

### Applications Still Being Received

Lt. (jg) Kershner (HC), USN, Security Officer, with offices on the second deck of the M. A. A. Build-



Lt. (jg) Kershner scans the application of a prospective tenant.

ing, is the Housing Officer of Oak Knoll. All applications for apartments at Santa Cruz Island must be placed with him. Staff members only are eligible.

## Educational Services Rehabilitation Program

Building 133

Math—Room A.

Study Hall—Room B.

Spanish.

Typing.

Special Interest Lectures—

Room C, A.M. only.

Building 102

Mechanical Drawing—Room 207.

Commercial Art—Room 207.

Geology—Room 209.

Radio and Electricity Lab, Room 212.

Radio Code—Room 202.

Watch Repair—Room 103.

Auto and Aviation Mechanics—Wood Shop.

Machine Shop — Berkeley Trade School, P.M. only.

She has ears like a steam shovel—always picking up dirt.

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The little moron took some insect powder with his aspirin because he had such a lousy headache.

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Restricted news—A piece of inside information you get from civilians.

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The auto motor pounded stopped. "Wonder what that knock is," said the sailor.

"Maybe," replied the beautiful blonde, "it's opportunity."

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Girl's Father: "Did I hear the clock strike three when you left here last night?"

Sailor: "Yes, sir. It was going to strike eleven, but I stopped it so it wouldn't wake you up."

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Wife: "George, this isn't our baby. You took the wrong carriage!"

Husband: "Shut up. This one has rubber tires."

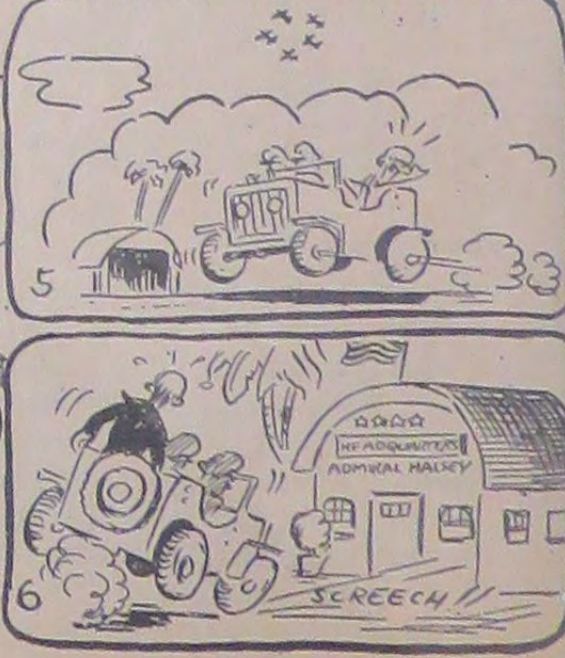
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Woman: "What's your cat's name, little boy?"

Boy: "Ben Hur."

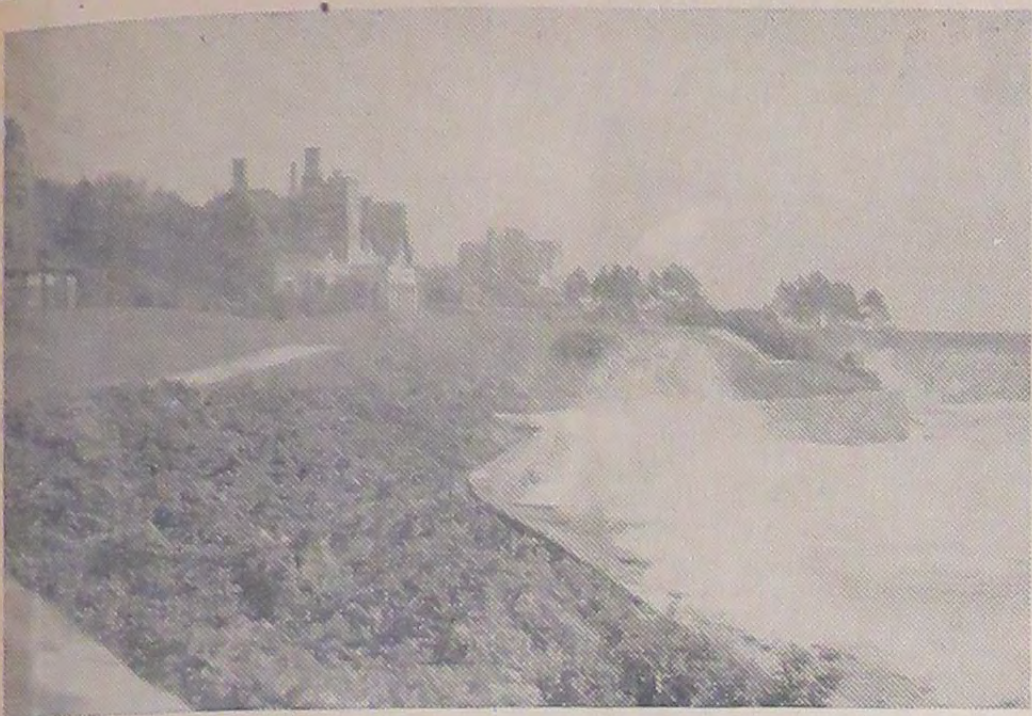
Woman: "That's a funny name for a cat. How did you happen to pick up such a name for it?"

Boy: "Well, we just called him Ben until he had kittens."





# Colorful "Down East" Colony Is Site of USN Hospital, Newport, R. I.



CLIFF WALK . . . WHERE SURF AND TURF MEET

What is the U. S. Naval Hospital, Newport, Rhode Island, like? Well, it was commissioned in Newport, in 1913, and has been steadily growing ever since. Situated opposite the War College at the Naval Operating Base, Newport, the hos-



USS CONSTELLATION

pital has looked across its broad lawns which sweep to the shores of Narragansett Bay and seen practically all of the famous ships of the fleet ride at anchor at the end of their training cruise.



A RUGGED SHORELINE

## Rich in History

The city of historic Newport has welcomed Navy men since the last war, and has withstood admirably the historic challenge, "The Fleet's In," since Revolutionary times, which you read about in "Stars on the Sea." Buildings are still standing from even pre-Revolutionary times. A liberty can well develop a living sense of the history of our nation.

## Good Liberty

The hospital is generous as regards liberty for convalescent patients. Regular liberty is given twice weekly, together with week-ends, when the patient is consid-



FISHERMAN'S PARADISE

ered physically qualified for such liberty by his Ward Medical Officer. Patients on light work details are given liberty every night, together with week-ends.

## Near Large Cities

With the end of gas rationing, the transportation difficulties will ease considerably, for Newport is connected with 28-mile distant Providence, Rhode Island, only by the Short Line bus. From Providence, it is a four-hour train ride to New York, or an hour to Boston, Mass. Cape Cod can be reached easily by a bus to New Bedford, 35 miles east. In winter, there is the First Naval District Recreation Camp, bidding all skiers to make the 100-mile trip on Government time (but your own money) to Sunape, New Hampshire. But what a week-end is in store for the skiers! In summer and fall, however, you don't want to leave New-



ROBINSON HOUSE IS RICH IN REVOLUTIONARY HISTORY

## Recreation Galore

Beach parties galore, theater parties, golfing, fishing parties (deep-sea, bay, and surf casting), and then all of the usual things are right at hand to be enjoyed. One of the most enjoyable different things about Newport is the famous "Cliff Walk," which has the Atlantic Ocean pounding in on one side and the spacious lawns of the millionaires' mansions reaching down on the other. It is worth the walk just to see how the "other side lives."

## Program Complete

USNH has a complete program to keep you from being bored. If

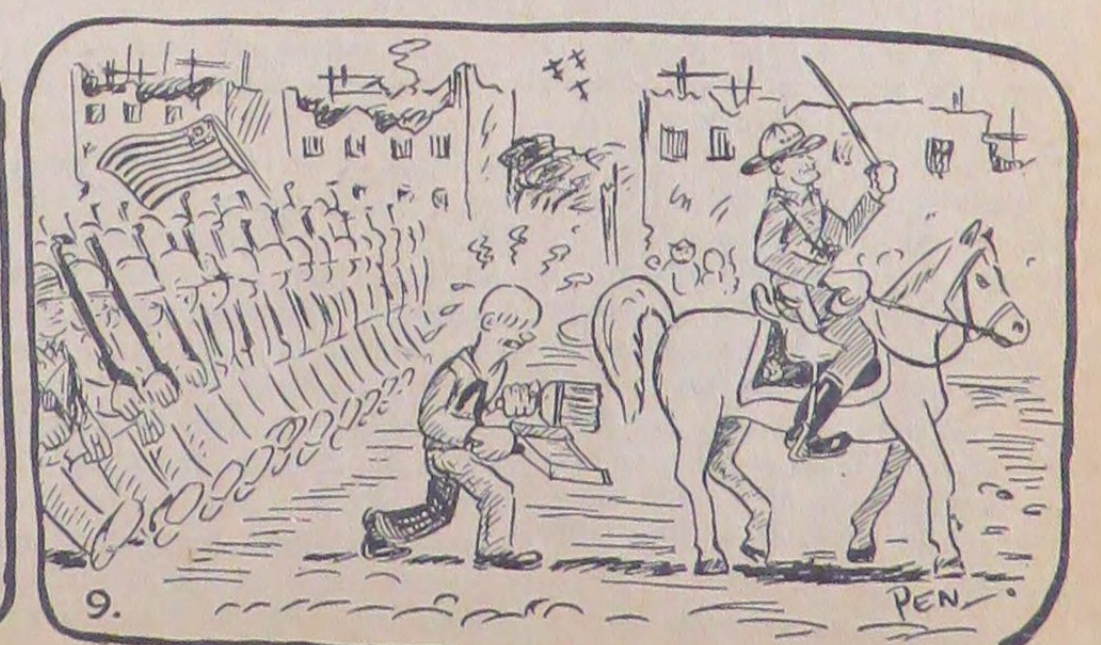


ENTERTAINMENT GALORE



LOBSTERS ARE ABUNDANT ALONG THIS COAST

port, for that is the time of year that made Newport the summer colony for the millionaire. you're from any place else, you'll wish that you had known about USNH, Newport, sooner.





# Dirt Is Their Business— And Laundry Does the Job

Your reporter walked into Oak Knoll's laundry muttering, "This is a fine story to send me after. I don't give a hoot about washing and ironing. Covering laundries belongs to the female Navy—what's there to write about the place, anyway?"

A few minutes later he changed his mind. As Sirgus Williams ex-



Oak Knoll's family laundry enters here . . .

plained, "If clothes are to be worn correctly, they should be clean; and if you don't think clothes make a difference, try going without them. I think I would rather lose my shillings than my pence."

## Taken for Granted

The laundry is one of the few organizations on the compound which is really taken for granted, but let's take time out to see just what that job is.

Under the supervision of Lt. (jg) Helen Brown, who by the way, is THE perfect boss, the department buzzes. She is assisted in managerial activities by Sirgus Williams and Russel Ercanbrack. Ercanbrack was a Marine who saw action during the first World War and has just recently been honorably discharged. Williams and Ercanbrack are in charge of the civilians in the plant.

## 1,500 Diapers Daily

The laundry must necessarily go in for mass production. Three hundred nurses' uniforms, 100 blankets, 2,500 sheets, 2,500 pillow cases and 1,500 diapers are turned out daily—approximately 130,000 pieces of laundry completed in one month!

Let's watch a pair of pajamas from the sidelines: They are in one of the bundles brought in from the wards by the laundry's own trucks. The bundles are opened and the articles separated and thrown into huge washers which churn hundreds of pieces at a time. Water heated to 210 degrees Fahrenheit, and soap, are run into the washers as soon as they are filled with linen or clothes. Now the bins are turned about at a rapid speed for half an hour, after which the washing brags a "Rinso White."

## Drying Done Scientifically

From the washers we move our

pajamas to the large extractors, where they are partially dried. These extractors are turned by giant turbines which do 1,250 revolutions per minute. Once in the extractors, the pajamas are given a fast merry-go-round. This ride gets most of the water out of the articles.

## Articles Separated

Everything is now damp but no longer wet. The bundles are put on the sorting table and each article is separated from the mass. Now we find our pair of pajamas again. Of course, we don't recognize them, but we'll take the word of our guide that it is the same pair we saw dumped into the washers along with pounds of other dirty laundry. Once the articles are separated into their own piles they must have some of their wrinkles removed before they can be put into the final drier and presser.

## One Minute to Dry

These presser-driers are the largest machines in the place and the main one consumes about 200 square feet of space. Our pajamas are run through the drier in one minute's time, but the big things like sheets and blankets are partially folded by them and the workers have to finish the job.

Finished pieces are sent to the outgoing room, where they are placed on a shelf with hundreds of similar articles. The pajamas are now the picture of cleanliness—soft, white, and pressed. They are ready to be picked up and delivered back to the ward.

## Machines Need Rest

The job sounds easy, doesn't it? The workers admit it is not really



And comes out here . . .  
crisp and clean.

too difficult. It is the little things like a blown fuse or an extractor going on the blink which add to the pressure of time and demand. This breakdown in machinery is something which happens quite frequently. In fact, the only reason the laundry isn't run 24 hours a day is to give the machinery a chance to rest.

Hats off to our laundry staff, and hereafter we'll not mumble in our beards when our clothes are not ready in 24 hours!

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Curran—"Song Without Words," 8:30 p. m.  
Geary—"Rebecca," Diana Barrymore, 8:30 p. m.  
Winterland—"Ice Follies of 1945," 8 p. m.  
Closes Sunday, Sept. 16.  
Music Hall—"The Drunkard." Free refreshments. Nightly, 8:30 (except Mon.).  
Cinema  
Warfield—"Rhapsody in Blue."  
Golden Gate—"First Yank in Tokyo," Tom Neal.

#### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)  
Baseball—Seals Stadium, 16th and Bryant. Reached by 19 car (Larkin st. line). Admission to servicemen 30c (grandstand) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturday afternoons.

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p. m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p. m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p. m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p. m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p. m.

#### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p. m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a. m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak, 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a. m. to 6:30 p. m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Cinema

Orpheum—"First Yank in Tokyo," Tom Neal.  
Paramount—"Junior Miss," Peggy Ann Garner.  
Fox-Oakland—"Along Came Jones," Gary Cooper.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, check-in).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.  
De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.  
Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

#### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p. m.  
Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-5 p. m., 7-9 p. m., by appointment. KE 4-1561.

### ON THE COMPOUND

#### Cinema (Auditorium)

Sat., Sept. 15—"Song for Julie," Shirley Ross.  
Sun., Sept. 16—"Three Strangers," Geraldine Fitzgerald.  
Mon., Sept. 17—"Top Man," Donald O'Connor.  
Tues., Sept. 18—"State Fair," Dana Andrews.

Wed., Sept. 19—"Radio Stars on Parade," Frances Langford.  
Thurs., Sept. 20—"Mama Loves Papa," L. Errol.  
Fri., Sept. 21—"Lady on a Train," Deanna Durbin.  
Sat., Sept. 22—"Phantom of 42nd Street," Dave O'Brien.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, rides being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 2030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, minutes before the scheduled time riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1630; Thursday, 1400 and 1630; Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sunday, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### BUS SCHEDULE

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur. To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to a bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

#### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.  
1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted staff and patient personnel.

17 September-21 September

17 September: Round Table Series with supplementary film "News Development." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

18 September—Round Table Discussion, "Opportunities in the Advertising Field," F. Abernethy (Post Inquirer), Ross Rider, (Rider-Ingram Advertising Agency).

19 September—Lecture and Discussion with supplementary film: "Possibilities in Commercial Aviation." Clare E. Bennett (United Airlines).

21 September—Lecture and Discussion, "New Developments in Lumber Construction," J. E. Mackie, (National Lumber Manufacturers Assn.).



# Here are Pre-War and Post-War Portraits of Oak Knoll



The famed Oak Knoll Country Club as it looked in the year 1942. It was a complete 18-hole golf course with a club par of 76.

The U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, Calif., (Oak Knoll) as it looks today. A complete city within itself, providing the finest medical care.

## Off the Bookshelf

Outstanding books of 1944 have been selected by a group of librarians. Those in the hospital library, which included almost the entire list, are as follows:

Adler: *How to Think About War and Peace.*

Allen: *Bedford Village.* (Historical novel of Colonial days.)

Benet: *America.* (A brief history of the United States.)

Best: *Young 'Un.* (A story of frontier life in northern New York state.)

Bodmer: *The Loom of Language.* (The history of language.)

Botkin: *A Treasury of American Folklore.* (Tall tales, ballads, songs, and stories.)

Bowen: *Yankee From Olympus.* (Biography of Justice Holmes.)

Brooks: *The World of Washington Irving.* (American literature from 1800 to 1840.)

Brown: *A Walk in the Sun.* (Story of a small landing party in Italy.)

Brown: *Many a Watchful Night.* (Narrative of the Normandy invasion.)

Carrighar: *One Day on Beetle Rock.* (Sketches of animal life in the High Sierras.)

Chase: *The Bible and the Common Reader.* (The Bible as literature.)

Cronin: *The Green Years.* (Story about a Catholic boy in Scotland.)

Davenport: *My Country.* (Long poem in praise of America and freedom.)

Duffus: *The Valley and Its People.* (A history of the T. V. A., with photographs.)

Fast: *Freedom Road.* (A story of the freedmen during the Reconstruction.)

Fowler: *Good Night, Sweet Prince.* (Biography of John Barrymore.)

Grew: *Ten Years in Japan.*

Hatcher: *The Great Lakes.*

Helmericks: *We Live in Alaska.*

Hersey: *A Bell for Adano.*

(Story of American military government in Italy.)

Jaffe: *Men of Science in America.*

Johnston: *America Unlimited.* (The case for free enterprise.)

Karski: *Story of a Secret State.* (The underground movement in Poland.)

Landon: *Anna and the King of Siam.* (An English governess at the Siamese court.)

Lippmann: *U. S. War Aims of Europe.*

Pyle: *Brave Men.* (The invasion of Europe.)

Santayana: *Persons and Places.* (Autobiography.)

Sherrod: *Tarawa.*

Shute: *Pastoral.* (Love story of an R. A. F. bomber pilot and a WAAF.)

Smith: *Strange Fruit.* (Novel about the race problem in the South.)

Snow: *People On Our Side.* (Conditions and problems in India, Russia and China.)

Stettinius: *Lend-Lease, Weapon for Victory.*

Stone: *Immortal Wife.* (Biographical novel of Jessie Fremont, the explorer's wife.)

Stowe: *They Shall Not Sleep.* (The war from July, 1941, through December, 1942.)

Waller: *The Veteran Comes Back.*

Welles: *The Time for Decision.* (U. S. foreign policy.)

Woodward: *The Way Our People Lived.* (Description of life in the United States in various places and periods.)

## To buy..sell..rent..

### To Buy . . .

35-millimeter still camera. Lt. Comdr. H. G. Green, TR. 8868.

Car in good shape, 1934-37. W. C. Keever, Ward 48-B.

### To Sell . . .

Dress and undress blues. Size 42. Clemens, SK1c, Ward 78B.

Wrist watch, 17-jewel. Marcum, Ward 81B.

Three rooms of furniture. Al Hugueny in Postoffice.

R. R. ticket to Chicago. Good 90 days. Walt Jones, Ward 61A.

1945 table radio, \$50. Chief Tomberlin, Ward 63B, 0800 to 0900.

Bathinette, baby scales, chest drawers, iron board. Chief Jaffe, Ward 61A.

Wrist watch, 17-jewel Crawford, \$60. D. P. Hall, 47A.

Engagement and wedding rings, \$30. E. C. Hall, Ward 80B.

Bulova 17-jewel; also Orator, 16-jewel. E. P. Harris, Ward 41B.

R. R. ticket to Jacksonville, Fla., \$25. Good till Dec. 9. W. C. Alred, Ward 48A.

Dining table, gateleg type. Extends. LA. 2-7020.

### To Rent . . .

Alameda. Room for woman. Good location, modern. Near all transportation. LA. 2-7020.

### Wanted to Rent . . .

Two or 4-bedroom furnished house. Lt. (jg) J. E. Mason, MC, USNR, Ward 80B; mail box 162.

House or apt. for officer, wife and 4 mo. baby. Will buy furniture if necessary. Ens. L. B. Marquiss, Physical Training Dept., Ph. 183.

## Lost . . .

Black coin purse, containing money and ration book. Return to O. O. D. office of J. D. KeBlanc, Ward 77B.

Welch-Allyn Ophthalmoscope in black case. Lt. (jg) M. G. Crane, M. C., Ward 70-A.

Lower half of Eversharp pen. Maroon. Initialed E. A. M. B. Ellen Birdsall Wave Bar.

## Notice . . .

Employment in Social Catering or Industrial Cafeteria Operations available for wives of service men. \$1.00 per hour, 3-hour minimum. Contact Guy Grace, 5500 Foothill Blvd., KE. 2-3952.

## Know This Guy?



Fascinated by his favorite comic character "Moiphy," who appears each week in the *Oak Leaf*, HA1c John Hardgrove, lab technician, proceeded to create a likeness in wood. From Penberthy to John, "Well done!"



## The Sporting Scene

### Waves Rally to Defeat Marines

The Oak Knoll Wave Softball Team slugged it out with the Marines from San Francisco to win 4-1 in one of the tightest games played here on Monday, September 10.

The game got off to a slow start, but Ricky Reichenbach, captain of Oak Knoll's team, rallied her girls to crash through to a winning finish.

This win puts Oak Knoll in a tie with the Marines from San Francisco and the girls from TADcen, Treasure Island, for fourth place in the Twelfth Naval District Women's League.

The next game scheduled for Oak Knoll will be played at San Bruno, Monday, September 17, when Oak Knoll will either clinch fourth place in the league or drop to fifth place.

#### 12th N. D. Tennis Tournament

The 12th Naval District Tennis Tournament will be held at the University of California tennis courts at 0900, Sunday, September 16.

Lt. (jg) Joan Cady Sartorius (W) and Kay Reichenbach are entered in the singles. Two teams have entered the doubles—Jean Morrison with Jean Dennison and Marie Bennett with K. W. Tappen.

Any other interested parties should contact the Welfare and Recreation Office for entry blanks.

### Tennis Champs Reach Finals

This week will see the important final playoffs in the Oak Knoll Tennis Tournament. Those who have survived thus far and will compete in the finals are Dr. R. A. Wright vs. PhM3c W. T. Morgan for men's singles and Kay Reichenbach vs. Jean Morrison for women's singles. W. T. Morgan will team up with Lt. (jg) Joan Cady Sartorius against R. R. Lather and Jean Dennison in the mixed doubles event.

Finals in the men's doubles will feature Murphy of the X-ray department teamed with Dr. R. A. Wright against Roy Smith and W. T. Morgan.

### Volleyball Teams Split In Season's Openers

The Volleyball season got off to a swift start here last week when Oak Knoll met the men from the Auxiliary Air Station here in the first three games of the 12th Naval District Volleyball Tournament. Oak Knoll came out with two wins. The scores: Oak Knoll 13, Auxiliary Air Station 15, Oak Knoll 19, Air Station 9, Oak Knoll 15, Air Station 3.

#### Officers Meet Shoemaker

The Oak Knoll Officers' Volleyball Team met with the boys from Shoemaker, to lose both of the games played, by a score of 15-6 and 15-5.

★ Lt. (jg) George T. Adams, who was Public Relations Officer in addition to his other duties in the Physical Training Department, has received orders to proceed to Quantico, Va., for duty. He will be missed by his many friends, including the Oak Leaf staff. Good luck, sir!

★ This is the way we heard it: A certain Sp(A), noted for his fish stories, was invited to a Welfare and Recreation Sunday fishing party. He arrived with a can of mystic, putty-like, spongy substance which bounced like synthetic rubber and gave off an odor, the like of which is unknown to the human race. He called it his secret fishing bait. . . . Well, there's a lot more to the story, but I understand he was still waiting for fish No. 1 when the other fellows were cooking their fine catch over a hot camp-fire. Moral of this is: "You can't beat worms." But then, who wants to?

SP: "Now, tell the court how you came to take that car."

S1/c: "Well, the car was standing in front of the cemetery, and naturally, I thought the owner was dead."

### Marriage Now Is Pointless

(SEA).—Dependency benefits under the point system for release of Naval personnel are fixed as of 14 Aug. 1945, so a post-war marriage won't speed up your demobilization or give you 10 points for dependency, the Navy Department has announced.

A Naval officer or enlisted man who is married to a girl in the armed forces can count his wife as a dependent under the point system.

All inductees who are still classified USN-I and who have sufficient points are to be discharged. Inductees transferred to the regular Navy and now serving current enlistments will be required to serve out their period of enlistment.

#### Anyone Look Like Palooka?

Monogram Pictures have acquired the film rights for "Joe Palooka" and plan a series of comedies. The studio is hunting for an unknown to star as Joe.

Medical Officer: "How's the sailor this morning?"

Nurse: "I think he is regaining consciousness. He tried to blow the foam off his medicine this morning."

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Then there is the husband who didn't speak to his wife for three days. He was too polite to interrupt her.

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Joe: (reading death statistics): "Say, do you know that every time I breathe, a man dies?"

Moe: "Have you tried Listerine?"

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Chief Bosun Mate: "What's the idea of sittin' down on the job?"

Gob: "I didn't see you comin'."

### MOIPHY . . .

By Penbert



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Oakland 14, California

### Officers

#### Coming:

Lieut. Joseph A. O'Grady (MC), USN; Lt. (jg) Frederick Wolff (MC), USN; (jg) Andrew Punterney (MC), USN; (jg) Norman J. Levy (MC), USN; (jg) Joseph Turpin (MC), USNR; Lt. Frederick Dudley (MC) V(S) USN; (jg) James Lewis (MC), USNR; Comdr. William R. Moulone (MC), USN.

#### Going:

Lieut. Henry A. Kaven (MC), USNR; (jg) Henry M. Larsen, ChC, USNR; (jg) Herbert Douis (MC), USNR; Lt. Bernard D. Hillman (MC), USNR; Lt. Chester M. Lessenden (MC), USN; Lt. C. Ford F. Broderick (MC), USNR; Comdr. Joseph B. Josephson (MC) S, USNR; Comdr. Albert H. Thronsdon DC(S) USN.

#### NOTICE!

Survivors of the USS Twigs, who knew Angel George Peters, S1, USNR, are asked to communicate with Miss Helen V. Peters, 80 Petoskey St., Detroit 4, Mich.

### BASE NOTES

★ We understand that PhM3c Ficky of Comm. No. 1 is trying to find some sort of an insurance policy that will cover the girls he dates, as something always happens to them. Could it be that his charm knocks them off their feet?

★ **Mystery of the Week:** Where did the picnic given by the second deck of the Administration Building end up at?—and who rounded up who?

★ Several new faces have been added to Welfare and Recreation Department. Chief SP(A) Dave Medigovich hails from the University of Arizona, where he earned his letters in Football, Track and Baseball. He is recently of Treasure Island.

★ Don Carter Sp(A) 3c has also joined the staff as assistant in charge of the Patient Party Department, coming here from Indianapolis, Ind. Welcome to Oak Knoll.

★ Lovely Carolee Trefts, civilian employee, late of Public Relations Department, has departed to become a co-ed at Stanford University. Note: Photo Dept. get out the crying towels (one for me, too).





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## Morgan Takes Net Honors

PhM3c Wilford T. Morgan, a wiry, tireless lad from the Record Office, emerged as the big gun of Oak Knoll tennis last week when he took top honors in the men's singles in the compound tournament and then went on to share triumphs in both the men's doubles and mixed doubles.

### Defeats Dr. Wright

Against lanky, left-handed Lt. Robert A. Wright (DC), USNR, Morgan's steady, all-round game gained him a straight set victory in the finals, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. Dr. Wright's terrific forehand was more than offset by Morgan's fine tactics and ability to cover the court and rush the net.

### Morgan, Smith, Take Doubles

Fireworks aplenty were produced by the doubles, which saw Morgan paired with PhM3c Ray Smith against Dr. Wright and PhM3c Wayne Murphy. With their slightly steadier play and more effective work at the net, Morgan and Smith took the first two sets, 6-4 and 7-5. Dr. Wright and Mur-

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## Oak Knoll's WAVES Are Honored for Marching

Oak Knoll's WAVES, long renowned for their snappy and precise marching in Citation Ceremonies here, were further honored recently for their appearance in the San Francisco Victory parade on Sunday, September 9.

The commendation came in the form of a letter addressed to Captain Dearing by Rear Admiral C. H. Wright, Commandant of the 12th Naval District. The letter follows:

My dear Captain Dearing:

I take particular pleasure in extending congratulations to you for having furnished such an impressive and excellent marching unit of WAVES last Sunday for the San Francisco Victory parade.

The unit presented a smart appearance and was a credit to the Navy.

Sincerely yours,

C. H. WRIGHT.

## JAP RED CROSS FLAG IS TROPHY HERE



MISS ENSIGN, MISS ADAMS, MM1c BASS, AND MISS OTTENHEIMER INSPECT CAPTURED JAPANESE RED CROSS FLAG.

## Miss Adams Named to Head Red Cross at Oak Knoll

### Miss Ensign Leaves For Utah Army Post

The Red Cross at Oak Knoll are very sorry, indeed, to lose their field director, Miss Berniece Ensign, who will begin her new duties as recreational supervisor at the Bushnell General Hospital in Brigham City, Utah, on September 24. Miss Ensign has been here for 18 months, eight months as field director. She has done a fine job and her many friends on the Compound wish her success and happiness in her new assignment.

### Miss Adams Is Successor

Miss Marie Adams has been appointed the new field director at Oak Knoll, to succeed Miss Ensign. Miss Adams' name is well known to Red Cross all over the world. Her courage in the face of the many hardships she was made to endure as a Jap prisoner of war in Santa Scholastica and Santo Tomas for 37 months will go down in Red Cross history.

Miss Adams was called back into Red Cross hospital service in 1941, before Pearl Harbor. She was stationed at Letterman General Hospital for a time, then at Fort Ord,

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### Flag Is Present Of GIs on Okinawa

A war trophy in the form of a Japanese Red Cross flag has been presented to the Red Cross on the Compound by Jack J. Bass MM1c, patient on Ward 60A. The flag is of considerable interest in that it was seized during an invasion by members of the 77th Division, U. S. Army Infantry (called by Toyko Rose "Butchers of Guam"). It was taken from a school building in the town of Zimami Jima, one of the Kerama group of islands near the island of Okinawa. These islands were invaded on March 26 to secure an anchorage for the units of the fleet, and also to establish a seaplane base.

Several of the men who took an active part in this invasion were wounded, and received medical attention on the U. S. S. Pitt A. P. A. 223. Bass, a member of the Amphibious Forces, was a throttleman on the Pitt, and it was not long before he struck up an acquaintance with these members of the 77th, which later resulted in their turning over the flag to him with the request that he present it to the

## Capt. Manlove Is New Exec

### Comes to Hospital From Alaskan Duty

Taking over in the key position of Executive Officer at Oak Knoll last week was Captain William R. Manlove (MC), USN. He replaces Captain L. R. Reynolds (MC)S, USNR, who now becomes Assistant Executive Officer.

### Is World War I Vet

A veteran of the Army in the first World War and of the Navy since 1923, Captain Manlove comes to the hospital from the 17th Naval District (Aleutians and Alaska), where he was District Medical Officer. Previous to that he served aboard the USS Brooklyn during the Casablanca landings and as Executive Officer helped to commission the naval hospital at Memphis in the spring of 1943.

### Have Two Children

Mr. and Mrs. Manlove are the parents of two children, Mary Louise, 16, and Robert Armisted, 7. Captain Manlove will be the subject of the "Our Doctor" column to be published in next week's Oak Leaf.

American Red Cross in this country.

The flag is five feet square in size, made of pure silk, and resembles our own Red Cross emblem except that the red in the Japanese cross is a bright salmon pink in color as opposed to our own deep, rich red. It was undoubtedly placed on the school roof to ward off bombings during invasions.

Anyone wishing to see this interesting souvenir may come to the Red Cross Field Director's Office, Room 221, second deck, Ship Service Building.

### NOTICE!

All staff personnel drawing Class B Allowance for dependents (other than wife) are urged to contact Chief Lipp in the Staff Personnel Office so that they may be certain of receiving the 10 points discharge credit due them.



# The Oak Leaf

U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, California

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## • The Handicapped

The surrender is legal and the shooting has stopped, but for the men in the hospitals and for many who have been discharged, the war is not "off." It will be with some of them for quite a while, and for others always. Doctors and psychologists are dedicated to helping these men.

We are not speaking, however, of these battle scars of war. We are thinking now of the many with bodies intact, who, nevertheless, are trying to make their way in this world encumbered with far more frustrating impedimenta than physical disabilities. The weak character is more pathetic than the weak body. Greed is more repellant than temporary loss of appetite. Intolerance is uglier than any scar upon the skin.

The man who has two good eyes but will not look at facts that hurt or inconvenience him is the man who is truly blind. He who has a chip on his shoulder and is suspicious, vindictive and uncooperative, is worse off than if he had a chip out of his anatomy. There is the selfish fellow who is completely circumferenced. His ego is the hub of a wheel, the spokes of which are his limited radii. The wheels of a wheel chair could not so successfully limit him. There are the adult infants, who cannot depend on themselves, who scream for subsidies and benefits and "the world owes them a living."

Give us, any day, the battle-scarred veteran who is a man and we'll bet on him in any worthwhile race against the fellows with these far more serious handicaps. These are the really sad, sad cases.

## Welcome Aboard!

Thirty-one Corpsmen launched their careers in the Hospital Corps this week when they reported here for duty from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego, Calif.

Many good ratings will be open in the near future to those with technical training. However, only regular Navy men are eligible to apply for technician schools. Further information may be obtained at the Staff Personnel Office, Administration Building.

Welcome aboard to the following: Randolph Ernest Albertsen, Donn Alden Beattie, Gerald David Benfield; William Lewis Burns; Glen Colman Call; Richard Harry Cambridge; Robert Henry Carson, Jr.; Ernest Walter Castro; William Stanley Clark, Jr.; Edward Hal Corrigan; James Joseph Cusick; Robert Claude Densmore; Gordon Lee Durrell; Donald Rowbe Gerling; James Edward Goodwin, Jr.; Kenneth Merle Grice; Jack Louis Frisk; John Leonard Hamilton;

Glain Harvey Hansen; John Henry House; Stanley Robert Landie; Lyle Ross MacHugh; George Francis McLaughlin; William John McLean; Charles Milton Metcalf; James Ernest Nodland; Warren Edgar Northwood; Howard James Powell; William Valentine Stradtman; Gordon Wells; Desmond Terrold Williams.

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., U. S. N.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

## Two Chaplains Leave For Overseas Duty

The hospital has recently lost two of its most popular young Chaplains to overseas duty. Lt. (jg) H. M. Larsen departed some weeks ago and this week Lt. (jg) C. V. Roebuck embarked for the Pacific.

Oak Knoll's best wishes for good duty and fruitful service goes with these men.

Darling, you are the first girl I have ever kissed, said the romantic sailor, shifting the gears with his feet.

## All U.S. Represented in New Cadet Nurse Training Class



First Row—Lillian Woodfine, Ruth Koenig, Florence Garney, Marie Houtz, Rose Billet, Gloria Tancin, Reba Hartley (NNC), Jeanette Wilchinski (NNC), Elizabeth Fleming, Anne Zulk, Ruth Coakley, Janice McKean, Elizabeth Champlin.

Second Row—Bertha Swenski, Eleanor White, Marion Banks, Naomi Gorman, Velma Suhar, Veronica Lesicko, Marie Dudish, Jean Leonard, Dorothy Ferenz,

Florence Clemmer, Gloria Kaitz, Marie Pontaine, Sophie Reisman, Letha B. Helen Kraynak, Florence Donofrio, D. Pritts, Bette Roth.

Third Row—Mary Bezy, Bonnie Allen, Vera Koons, Mary McKemy, Patricia Mahon, Mary Richard, Pauline Glad, Geraldine Hanna, Maude Widen, R. Kroupa, Lois Warden, Margaret Elchar, Marion Stewart, Antoinette Smolian, J. Carpenter, Mary Conaghan, Normal Sh.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Religion and Education

Harvard and Yale recently issued a strong indictment of educational electivism and the press greeted it with the excitement due to a resolution. But more revolutionary still, though it excited much less publicity, was Yale's subsequent declaration that "religion is so important an aspect of human life that no university is doing its duty toward young men which does not offer them the best obtainable instruction in the field." Therefore, concluded the declaration, a prime post-war project of the university must be a strong department of religion for developing greater spiritual and ethical values in the student body.

To banish electivism and restore religion to education at one and the same time is an ambitious enterprise. Electivism, however, affects only the educational process, a means, whereas religion affects the very ends of education. Dominated by electivism, the process of education could go on, however much it would stray from its true course, but education without religion defeats its own purpose, which is the pursuit of truth. Not long ago President Dodds of Princeton gave the reason why these words are true: "We are beginning to learn anew in this country that the quality of our civilization is not determined so much by things as by beliefs, by what people believe to be true and what they believe to be false. Belief in truth is a matter of faith as well as of knowledge. Although many moralists and scholars have tried to divorce truth from religious ideas and affiliations, it remains rooted in religion. The fact is that the values which democracy embodies, which America at her best accepts as her own, were first expressed through religion. We shall go astray to our own hurt if we forget that the basis of judgment between true and false originated in religion and will continue to be religious."

If up to now it was not as clear as noonday that our civilization itself will be at stake in the next twenty years, it has certainly been made so by the lightning flash of atomic bombs as they wiped out Japan. So the future is going to demand an "America at her best." But America to be at her best cannot go on murmuring platitudes about beliefs making no difference to conduct, or about religion having nothing to do with education.

CHAPLAIN LEONARD A. KELLY.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, E. H. Day, Walter M. Theobald.  
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 0900; Divine Services, 1030; Vespers, 1800.  
Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
Daily Devotionals—0730.  
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.  
L. D. S. (Mormon):  
All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630 in Chapel; 0900 and 1100 in Auditorium.  
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
Confessions Before all Masses.  
Novena—Benediction Wednesdays, 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Carl Straus, Ext. 261.  
Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



## Our Doctor



Lt. Amedeo J. Losito (MC), USNR

Lt. Amedeo J. Losito (MC), USNR, anaesthetist in Surgery 2, is that rare friendly and observant type of individual who has the knack of turning an interview into a conversation, and ends up knowing as much about his interrogator as vice versa. Naturally, he is very popular with his colleagues and the Corpsmen in Surgery.

### Served in the Atlantic

Born in Harrison, New York, he traveled to Kent State University in Ohio for his pre-med work and then on to St. Louis University for his M. D. Entering the Navy, July 1, 1942, the somewhat surprised Dr. Losito found himself aboard the USS Aries only two weeks later as the Medical Officer. With his complement of one PhM1c (later Chief) he spent 21 months on this cargo ship, which was engaged in taking supplies to small islands in the Iceland area.

"The duty was all right," says Dr. Losito, "outside of being lonesome and the prevailing 100-mile gales—probably better than the South Pacific."

### Took Anaesthesia Course

His tour of sea duty completed, Dr. Losito next was stationed at the Repair Base and Receiving Ship in San Diego before moving on to Camp Elliott. From there he was sent to the Lahey Clinic in Boston for a six-month Navy course in Anaesthesia. Upon completion of this course he was assigned to Oak Knoll.

It had been a very good course, according to Dr. Losito, and it left him with a vital interest in the subject of Anaesthesia, although Surgery remains his first love. "No two cases are ever alike," he says, "and besides, it is really a refreshing course in Surgery."

### Works With Dr. Wineland

Under Dr. Wineland's tutelage, he has picked up a lot of pointers on different techniques and methods, including the use of Curare, a drug just now coming into its own in the field of Anaesthesia.

All kinds of sports, heritage of his college days on the varsity basketball team, appeal to Dr. Losito and he manages to sandwich in quite a bit of golf. His hobby, just started, is collecting odd types of cigarette lighters. "They'll work if

## Patients Exhibit Skill to Guild

Five Oak Knoll patients were guests of the Handicapped and Crippled Children's Guild in Oakland on September 13. This organization has shown a very fine co-operative spirit in their constant support of the Craft Program here at the hospital. The Guild has supplied tools and equipment for the Ward Hobby Shop on 42B for many months.

Pfc. John W. Wright of Ward 62B demonstrated the art of linoleum block printing on place mats and napkins. EPR3c Harold Lindmen, Ward 42B, showed the group how practical small looms are for weaving luncheon mats. TMP3c Robert Healy of Ward 42B had some finished pyro cord bracelets, earrings and pins to exhibit. Healy worked on a bracelet to show the club members how easily these articles can be made by the bed patients at Oak Knoll. SC3c George Wilson of Ward 83B took along his oil paints and charcoal sketches for exhibit, and drew a sketch of one of the ladies present. S1c Arthur Worley of Ward 60B displayed his tooled leather purse, giving a demonstration of lacing in the gussets.

After the meeting, the patients were luncheon guests of the club at the Leamington Hotel in Oakland.

## Oak Knollers Asked To Support War Chest

All Oak Knollers are urged to support the National War Fund Drive which will be conducted here September 20 to October 8 by the Security Office. The money given is used to support War Prisoners' Aid, American Field Service, U.S.O., and United Nations and Refugee Relief.

President Truman says, "The work of the National War Fund is indispensable." Millions need the helping hand that only the National War Fund can extend. Have you given?

## Leighton Noble's Band Plays Here Sept. 28

Leighton Noble, a favorite with Oak Knollers, brings his orchestra and soloists to the Amphitheatre on Friday, September 28, at 1400. All patients are urged to keep this date in mind.

A Patients' Dance, sponsored by the Temple Club of Oakland, and the National Jewish Welfare, will take place in the Auditorium on Monday evening, September 24, at 2030.

you keep them filled," he stoutly maintains.

Married to the girl he met while going to Medical School, the Lositos now reside in San Lorenzo. As to the future, uncertain, but perhaps practice in New York.

## Oak Knoll Host To Freed POW's

Almost 400 returned Prisoners of War have in the past three weeks been guests of Oak Knoll. Back from the hardships endured in Japanese prison camps and suffering from malnutrition, they spent a minimum of 48 hours here recuperating and receiving medical attention before traveling on to their homes.

### A Varied Group

In addition to Naval and Marine personnel, represented in the group were Army men, Canadians, civilians, and members of religious orders. After the incredible mistreatment and starvation they had suffered, the POW's found much to appreciate and be grateful for in their first taste of stateside life.

### Includes Lt. Cmdr. Blinn

In the group was Lt. Cmdr. W. C. Blinn, who served aboard the gallant, battle-scarred USS Pope until she was sunk in the Java Sea. Picked up by a Japanese destroyer he was sent to Japan in April, 1942, and survived life in prison camps until rescued after surrender.

### BUSINESS

At the end of a concert at the Lewishon Stadium the other night, we were glad to note that a couple of ushers ahead of us were applauding harder than anybody else. We were just beginning to work up a little homily about where the true lovers of music are to be found when one of the ushers stopped applauding. "Keep clapping dope," the other said sharply. "One more encore and we're on overtime."—*The New Yorker.*

## Parade Rest

This week the Marine Department welcomed aboard Corp. Max V. Keller from the Marine Corps Base in San Diego. Corp. Keller will work in the Detachment Quartermaster's Office.

This week finds six more members of the staff bidding adieu to the Marine Detachment and Oak Knoll Hospital. Sgt. William A. Van Deventer, Corp. Robert W. Le Brun and Pfc. Everette W. Henson, Jr., left to receive their discharges. Sgt. Ted Blockley, Sgt. Willith Fuller (MCWR), and Pfc. Herman Cockrill received their orders and were transferred to D. of P., San Francisco, for duty.

The Marine Detachment Softball Team lost its final game of the season, and also the championship, to the hard hitting, fast playing Physical Trainers. The Physical Trainers took the lead in the early part of the game and maintained it throughout. Both teams have played bang-up ball all season, but the Physical Trainers proved to be the outstanding team in the end. We take this opportunity to congratulate the Physical Trainers for their fine playing and good sportsmanship during the year.

## Officers

### Coming:

Lt. (jg) Samuel C. Iwig, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. Harry W. Tepper (DC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Charles F. Burton (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Donald S. Thorn (MC), USNR; Pharm. Robert M. Moroney, USN.

### Going:

Cmdr. Joseph B. Josephson (MC)S, USNR; Lt. Comdr. Albert H. Thronson DC(S), USNR; Pharm. John Sidlevicz, USN; Cmdr. Henry R. Nesburn (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) George T. Adams D(L), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Stephen J. Spitzer (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Bernard S. Piskor (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Charles V. Roebuck ChC, USNR.





"WE'RE LOST, thank God!"



# U.S.N.H. Pensacola Has Allure of "Deep South"

Overlooking historic Pensacola Bay, rich in legend and fact of military conquest of five centuries, and shaded by friendly towering live oaks, the Pensacola Naval Hospital today continues the mission it undertook over a hundred years ago.

## One Big Family

The Pensacola Naval Hospital, with its thousand-bed capacity, is not so large but that all hands may look upon it as a congenial community where "everybody knows everybody and everybody speaks." Yet the hospital is geared to the modern efficiency of present-day service hospitals and offers its patients the best of care.

## Commissioned in 1826

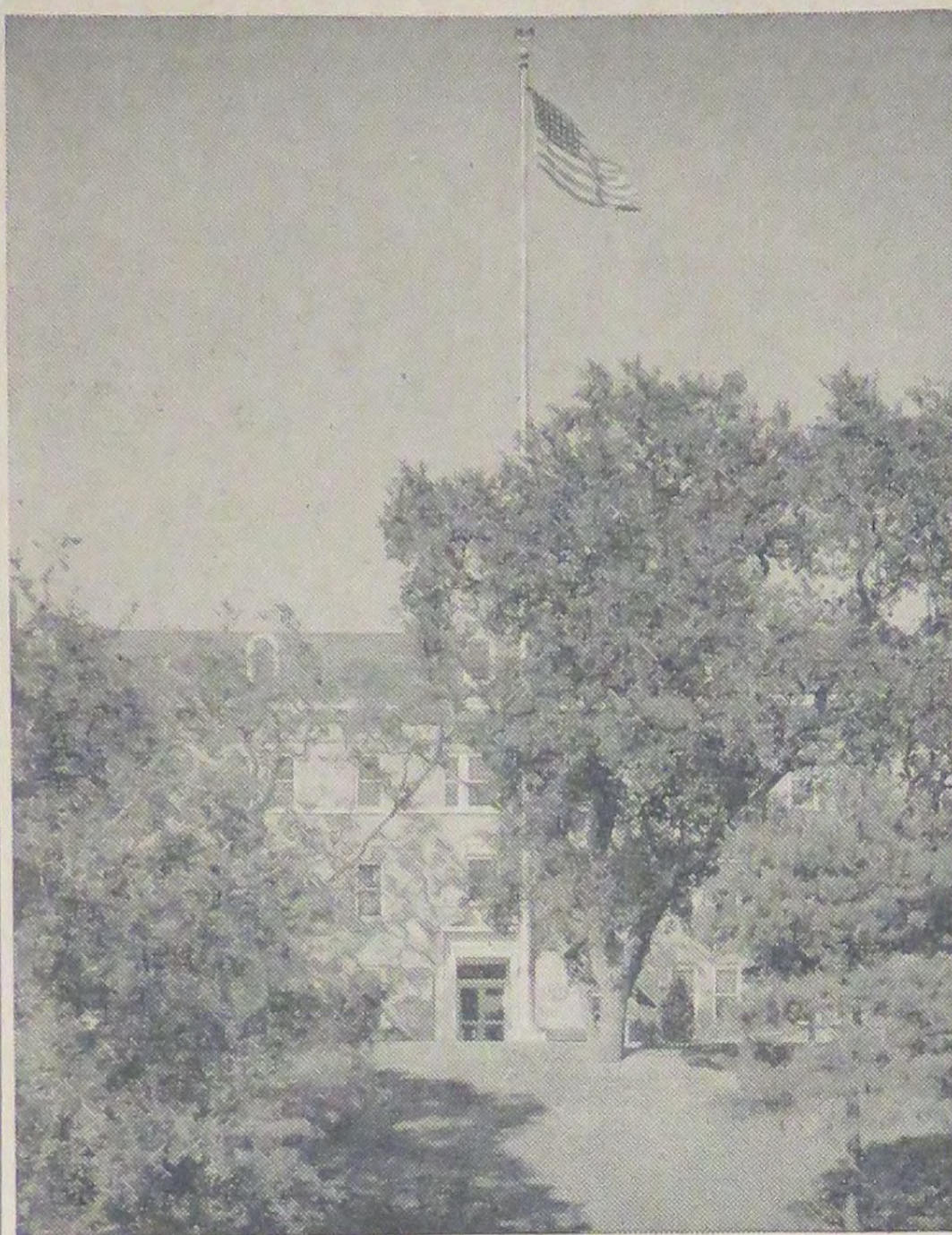
A Naval Hospital was first established at Pensacola, adjoining the Navy Yard, in 1826. The buildings were enclosed by a high brick wall because it was the belief in that day that mosquitoes could not fly more than eight feet high and the builders desired thus to aid in the fight against yellow fever. The "Old Compound" wall still stands today and buildings within—more modern, of course, than those of the yellow fever days—serve as a dependent's hospital, barracks, and the like. However, since February, 1941, a handsome three-story modern brick structure, just west of the old wall, has carried on the major share of the hospitalization, augmented by adjacent H-type ward structures. The entire compound comprises 67 acres of land with 14 inside the old wall and 53 in the remainder of the grass-carpeted and flower-bedecked grounds.

## Big Entertainment Program

Outdoor entertainment for the patients the year round is permitted by Pensacola weather. The new hospital encloses an outdoor patio, in which Navy movies are shown three times a week. The Red Cross offers some form of recreation or entertainment on practically every other night including USO and other shows, parties with girls as guest-hostesses, game tournaments, musical evenings, and talent nights. Once a month there is an



Outdoor Parks . . .



View of Administration Building

All Ships' carnival and dance on a large lighted recreation area.

Other Red Cross recreational features offered patients included: trips and tours, golf, fishing, tennis, swimming parties, entertainment in private homes and by luncheon clubs and various other and similar forms of recreation.



At Ease . . .

The usual services are offered patients, including mending of clothes, shopping service twice a week, and the sympathetic assistance of the Social Service Department.

## Ideal Temperature

The Naval Hospital is approximately nine miles from the city of Pensacola, which may be reached via 10-minute bus service for a 10-cent fare. Pensacola has a population in city and rural areas of about 100,000. Its mean annual temperature is 67.7 degrees Fahrenheit and it has an average rainfall of 57.85 inches. Its altitude is 15 feet

above sea level. Pensacola has 63 churches, representing 19 denominations.

## First Settlement in U. S.

Legend derives the name Pensacola from Indian words meaning City of Sorrow, and while today's thriving Pensacola may be called



In Action . . .

anything except a city of sorrow, the words might have been applicable to Pensacola of the yester-years. Thirteen times it passed from the hands of one nation into the hands of another, and seven times it fell to attack by land or sea. Though the bay was first visited by explorers from Spain in the early 16th century, it was not until 1559 that a settlement was attempted and it was, history relates, the first settlement in the limits of the present United States.

## Old "Ironside" Rebuilt Here

Many of the old buildings and forts harking back to Spanish,

French and British occupation still stand, whispering of a romantic past. Fort Pickens, on Santa Rosa Island, just across the bay from the hospital, shares with the island of Key West the distinction of being the only spot in the Confederate States over which the flag of the Confederacy was never raised.

Santa Rosa peninsular became the site, in 1827, of this country's first reforestation project. And Old Ironsides (the battleship Constitution) was rebuilt with live oak timber from this plantation.

## Largest Navy Air Station

Closely linked with the history of Pensacola and its environs has been the Pensacola Naval Hospital. First established to serve the old Navy Yard in 1826, today the hospital compound adjoins the Naval Air Station, declared to be the largest Naval Air Base in the United States. Many patients from the Naval Air Station and from outlying fields of the Naval Air Training Bases of the Pensacola area are cared for at the hospital.



Good Will Prevails . . .

And a sojourn at the Pensacola Naval Hospital may be made very pleasant by use of the entertainment and recreational facilities at the hospital or in the city where service centers, theatres, golf courses, swimming beaches, fishing docks and services and tour services are available. Legalized dog races via the polls came to Pensacola recently as the newest type of amusement, following establishment of night athletic events in recent months.



Southern Belles . . .



## Off the Bookshelf

Alaska—the land of opportunity! At least many of the men here at the hospital think so. Therefore, in order to help those who wish to know more about the country AND the possibilities of employment or homesteading there, we have compiled this list of books available in the hospital library with the hopes it may prove to be useful.

Albee: *Alaska Challenge*. (A trip through the wilderness of British Columbia to Alaska.)

Allan: *Gold, Men, and Dogs*. (The author's experiences among the Eskimos in Alaska.)

Chevigny: *Lord of Alaska*. (History of the conquest of Alaska by the Russians in the 18th century.)

Clark: *Alaska, the Last Frontier*. (The development of Alaska from the time of its discovery and exploration to the present.)

Colby: *A Guide to Alaska*. (Takes into account its economics, politics, history, etc.)

Davis: *Uncle Sam's Attic*. (Alaska, its past, present and future.)

Denison: *Klondike Mike* (An account of the gold rush days of 1897.)

De Vigne: *Time of My Life*. (Reminiscences of a frontier doctor in Alaska.)

Driscoll: *War Discovers Alaska*. (The "Cinderella country," Alaska, and its potentialities as a land of promise.)

Franck: *The Lure of Alaska*. (Experiences of a summer spent in Alaska.)

Helmericks: *We Live in Alaska*. (A young couple's adventures in reaching their new home, Alaska.)

Hubbard: *Mush, You Malemutes!* ("The Glacier Priest" and his life in Alaska.)

Lanks: *Highway to Alaska*. (An up-to-date description of Alaska, including information on the Alaskan highway.)

Potter: *Alaska Under Arms*. (Portrays Alaska as it is today.)

Williamson: *Far North Country*. (A readable account of Alaska's history.)

Willoughby: *Alaska Holiday*. (A holiday spent by two women in an Alaskan post.)

Willoughby: *Alaskans All*. (Relates the experiences of Father Hubbard.)

If these books have not the information you seek, BuPers Information Bulletin of May, 1945, lists a number of places which will send pamphlets upon request. They are: The Commissioner of the General Land Office, Department of the Interior, Washington 25, D. C., for homesteading information; the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington 25, D. C., for Federal job opportunities; Superintendent of Documents, Washington 25, D. C., for a list of Government publications relating to Alaska.

## Red Cross

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before being sent to the Philippines. Miss Adams has the distinction of being the first woman in the United States to be sent out of the country into hospital service by the Red Cross.

### Worked Under Fire

Miss Adams had been at Ft. McKinley Hospital, which was about six miles outside of Manila, three weeks when war was declared. Almost immediately thereafter the hospital was under continuous bombing. During all this time Miss Adams worked unceasingly under fire, helping the wounded men to get messages off to their families, distributing Red Cross supplies, and performing many other services for their physical and mental welfare and comfort.

Miss Adams was taken as a military prisoner of the Japs on the morning of January 3. She was the first civilian woman to be taken as a military prisoner in this war. On May 9, 1942, with the final transfer of prisoners from Santa Scholastica to other camps or to work battalions, Miss Adams was moved to Santo Tomas prison, the civilian internment camp, where there were over 3500 prisoners. Miss Adams immediately identified herself with the prison hospital, which was staffed and run by internees. Here, with the help of internee assistants, she was responsible for keeping medical records and supervising recreation and welfare activities for the benefit of the sick and wounded internees.

### Given Starvation Diet

In February, 1944, the military took over Santo Tomas, supplanting the former Japanese civilian administration. From that moment on, the prisoners were completely isolated from the world. The food rations were cut day by day. All sources of food supply from the outside were discontinued. From then on the per capita Jap ration amounted to about one-fourth of the normal caloric intake required to sustain health.

The evening of February 3, 1945, was heralded by the distant sound of sniping and the rumble of tanks, and an electric excitement settled on the internment camp. At 9:05 p. m. the first American tank crashed through the gate. Before final liberation came, however, the camp was under continuous shell-fire from the Japs.

Miss Adams left Santo Tomas and was flown out of Manila by the Army with the Bataan nurses, and arrived in this country on February 24, 1945. Since her liberation she has been in constant touch with hundreds of families and friends of former prison-mates and fellow-sufferers at Santo Tomas.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Curran—"Song Without Words," 8:30 p.m.  
Geary—"Rebecca," Diana Barrymore, 8:30 p.m.  
Civic Auditorium—Sunday, Sept. 23, Artie Shaw and His Orchestra, from 9 p.m.  
Music Hall—"The Drunkard," Free refreshments. Nightly, 8:30 p.m. (except Monday).

#### Cinema

Warfield—"Rhapsody in Blue," Robert Alda as George Gershwin.  
Fox—"Love Letters," Jennifer Jones.

#### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)  
Baseball—Seals Stadium, 16th and Bryant. Reached by 19 car (Larkin st. line). Admission to servicemen 30c (grandstand) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturday afternoons.

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simon African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

#### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Cinema

Orpheum—"First Yank Into Tokyo," Tom Neal.  
Paramount—"Pride of the Marines," John Garfield.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.  
De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.  
Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and Inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.  
Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1561.

### ON THE COMPOUND

#### Cinema (Auditorium)

Sat., Sept. 22—"Phantom of 42nd Street," Dave O'Brien.  
Sun., Sept. 23—"Men in Her Diary," Jon Hall.  
Mon., Sept. 24—"There Goes Kelly," Jackie Moran.

Tues., Sept. 25—"Guest Wife," Claude Colbert.  
Wed., Sept. 26—"Love, Honor and Good-bye," Virginia Bruce.  
Thurs., Sept. 27—"Tell It to a Star," Bert Livingston.  
Fri., Sept. 28—"Love Letters," Jennifer Jones.  
Sat., Sept. 29—"Arabian Nights," Monte Montez.

### BERKELEY

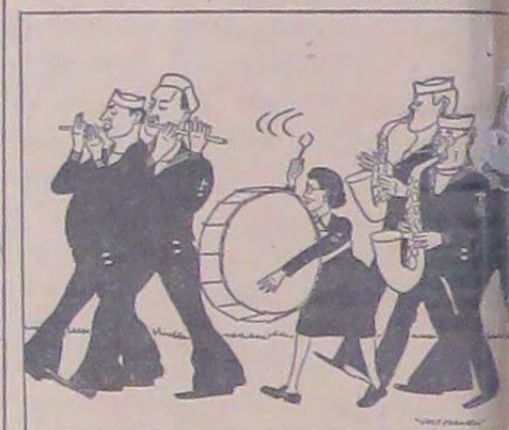
Greek Theatre—"The San Francisco Chorus," in Sunday musical, Sept. 23 p.m.  
Wheeler Auditorium—"Ball and Java," all-color travelogue, Tuesday, Sept. 24 p.m.  
Wheeler Hall, Room 212—"The Language of Chinese Art Symbols," Wednesday, September 26, 4 p.m.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630; Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.  
Leave 1300—Return 1630.



### Visiting Hours

Enlisted, Officer, and Civilian Personnel are permitted visitors from 1300 to 1600 every day and from 1900 to 2030 on Wednesdays. There are no visiting hours on Sunday nights. In the event that a patient is on the critical or serious list, next of kin will be permitted to visit at any time.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment Bldg.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

24 September—Round Table Series with Supplementary Film: "New Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

25 September—Lecture and Discussion: "Restaurant Operation." Mr. Henry Jensen (President, Restaurant Assn.).

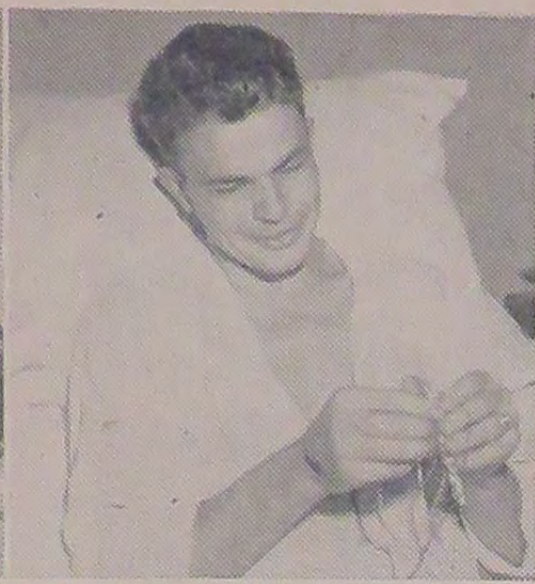
26 September—Lecture and Discussion: "Service Station Operation." Mr. Vernon McIlraith (Texaco Oil Co.).

27 September—Lecture and Discussion: "Government Jobs." Mr. William A. Jorgensen (Civil Service).

28 September—Lecture and Discussion with Supplementary Film: "Navigation as a Hobby." Lt. S. Moredoch, USN, (Ward 65A).



# Staff, Patients Pursue Hobbies



LEFT: WHEATLEY AND LANG GAZE ADMIRINGLY AT THEIR GROWING FLEET. RIGHT: SGT. BRATEN WORKS ON A PLASTIC BRACELET.

Hobbies, entrancing and worthwhile, appeal to both patients and staff at Oak Knoll. When not engaged in their hospital duties, many Corpsmen may be found vying with their convalescing mates in a dozen crafts and arts.

Two well-known Oak Knollers, PhM3c Milton Lang of the Provost Marshal's Office and PhM3c Chas.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

## To Sell . . .

Zenith portable radio, 7 tubes. Chief Jaffe, Ward 61A.  
1938 Studebaker sedan. F. B. Holland, Pharm. Ext. 136.  
Tailored greens, Marine dress blues, almost new. Pl. Sgt. W. R. Luckett, Ward 49A.  
Ford deluxe coach. Petri, Postoffice.  
Ford coupe, '33. Radio. Miss Graff, OL. 8766.  
Field and riding boots, brown. Size 8½. Vic Rizk, Staff Personnel.  
1936 Ford 2-door; radio and manifold heater, \$375. Ext. 52.  
1941 special deluxe Chev. coach. W. Hollobaugh, PhM2c, Ext. 161, between 1030 and 1130.  
House trailer, 18-ft. Universal, furnished. James E. Jones, Slc, Ward 78A.  
Bathinette, baby scales, chest drawers, ironing board complete. Chief Jaffe, Ward 61A.  
Immediate possession for \$750 equity of a 3-bedroom home, 1½ years old. Sell furnished or unfurnished. FHA monthly payments, \$32.50. Near schools, transportation. See Chief Hawk, Friday, Sept. 21, on 49B. After Friday contact Chief Hawk at 269 Cairo Road, near Oakland Airport, East Oakland.

## To Rent . . .

Room for single person. Mrs. Craig, SW. 2329.  
Room with privileges, \$9.75 week. LO. 8-0730, after 1800.

Wheatley of the I. D. Card Dept., have recently been bitten by the miniature ship building bug. When not engaged in snaring malefactors or making I. D. cards, they can be found busily engaged in constructing and launching their growing fleet of tiny windjammers.

Among the patients, Sgt. R. A. Braten of Ward 41B has been utilizing his time in developing a profitable hobby. Starting from scratch, he is now somewhat of a master at creating original creations in leather and plastics. He has turned out some beautifully wrought purses, wallets, earrings and bracelets.

## Lost . . .

Brown shell-rimmed glasses. Please return to Patient Personnel Office.  
Red and black pen. Engraved D. J. Quellmahz. Legal Office, Ext. 278.  
Brown key case. O. E. Scott, ART2c, Assembly Repair Dept., Naval Air, Alameda. Call Miss Greenfield, LA. 3-2200, Ext. 4375.  
Black shave kit. Initials W. H. H. Wm. H. Howell, Ward 54.  
Turquoise and Mexican Silver Ring. Left in Head across from the O.O.D. desk. Sentimental value. Please return to O.O.D. desk.  
Three volumes of Spalteholz' "Atlas of Anatomy" from Bookshelf in Building 27. Please return to Lt. (jg) Clyde Dawe (MC), USNR.

## Found . . .

Cap to Parker pen. Black and silver striped. Inquire Surgery II.  
Black and silver striped Sheaffer pencil in doctor's dressing room. Inquire Surgery II.

## Notice . . .

Marines for Security Guard. This is not regular Marine guard duty but good duty with privileges. No inspection, no barracks detail. Clearance must be obtained from Ward Medical Officer. Apply to Pfc. Lytton, USMC, or Sgt. Roe, USMC, in Marine Detachment Building.

# Pirates Beat Port Chicago; Waves Rally to Whip Bruno

Oak Knoll's Pirates opened play auspiciously in the 12th Naval District Invitational Baseball Tournament by trouncing the Port Chicago Marines, 6 to 2. The game was played in the San Francisco Seals' Stadium on Wednesday, September 12.

Williams, the hospital's pitching ace, went the route and gave up eight scattered hits. Hunsinger and Story divided the hitting honors for Oak Knoll, with Hunsinger having a perfect day at the plate—four for four. Pinch-hitter Ferguson came across with a timely bingle in the eighth, driving in two runs.

The box score:

Oak Knoll			
	AB.	R.	H.
Hunsinger	4	3	4
Picariello	3	0	1
Ferguson	1	0	1
Story	5	0	3
Zimmer	2	0	1
Concannon	4	0	0
Hall	4	0	1
Jones	4	1	1
Miller	3	1	0
Williams	4	1	1

## Port Chicago

	AB.	R.	H.
Pagani	4	0	0
Meyer	4	0	1
Dehn	4	0	1
Daskivich	4	0	0
Lindsey	3	1	1
Potter	4	1	2
Saintagnam	4	0	2
Baumbach	4	0	1
Guyon	1	0	0
Esterwood	2	0	0
Port Chicago	0 1 0 0 1 0 0 0	—2	
Oak Knoll	0 0 1 0 2 0 1 2	*—6	

## Lose to T. I., 18-4

In the next day's play, Thursday, September 13, the Pirates did not fare so well, being eliminated by Treasure Island, 18 to 4. The Islanders, under the leadership of Dick Bartell, major league star, hit early and often to drive two hurlers from the mound.

Entering the game in the sixth after both Felix and Foy had failed to stem the torrent of hits, Williams pitched hitless ball for the last three innings. Victor in the game the day before, he entered too late to save the game but struck out seven men, including Bartell.

The score by innings:

Treasure Island	.262 062 000—18
Oak Knoll	.....003 000 001— 4

## NOTICE!

Information is desired concerning AMM2c Lawrence Brignati, who has been missing since the sinking of the USS Bismarck at sea. Please contact the Chaplain's Office in the first deck of the Post-office Building.

Forging ahead in WAVE Softball League play, Oak Knoll's damsels on September 17 were hosts to San Bruno and edged the visitors 6 to 5 in a thriller. Oak Knoll had to score five runs in the last half of the last inning to turn the trick.

Ens. Sigurdson was the offensive heroine of the game when she slashed out the bingle that sent Jean Dennison home with the winning tally. Frisce and Warner sparkled in the field, while Dennison and Barker collaborated to pull off a beautiful force play.

Oak Knoll has now won three and lost three in league play and has a good chance of copping second honors for the season.

The box score:

Oak Knoll			
	AB.	R.	H.
Baker	3	0	0
Huls	3	1	1
Warner	1	1	1
Page	3	1	1
Frieberger	2	1	1
Frisce	3	1	1
Dennison	3	1	1
Reichenbach	3	0	2
Ware	3	0	0
Sigurdson	2	0	1
McNally	1	0	0

## San Bruno

	AB.	R.	H.
Brown .....	3	1	2
Wessels .....	2	0	1
Kliner .....	3	0	0
Ellison .....	3	0	0
Miron .....	3	1	1
Jacques .....	3	0	2
Enright .....	3	1	1
Graebe .....	3	1	1
Williams .....	3	1	1
Hughey .....	3	0	0
San Bruno.....	0 3 0 0 2 0 0	—5	
Oak Knoll .....	0 0 0 1 0 0 5	—6	

# Two Staff Men Earn Diplomas

Two Oak Knoll staff members are this week in proud possession of their high school diplomas.

For successful completion of Hospital Corps School, Field Medical School, and 10 weeks of Independent Duty School, PhM2c Thomas B. Rushing was granted a full senior year of credits and his diploma from the Michie High School in Michie, Tenn.

PhM3c Ronald M. Christopher also received sufficient credit for his completion of Corps School and Medical Photography training at Bethesda, Md., to receive a diploma from the West High School in Rochester, N. Y.

Both men plan to attend college upon their release from the Navy. Congratulations and good luck!



# The Sporting Scene

## These Are Our Diamond Queens



CIVILIANS



NURSES



WAVE "CHAMPS"



CADET NURSES



RED CROSS

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Above are shown the five compound teams who competed for the Commanding Officer's Softball Trophy. Oak Knoll's WAVES, shown in the center, under the leadership of "Ricky" Reichenbach, took top honors after a tough tussle with the Nurses.

## Tennis—

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phy rallied with some effective teamwork to take the third and fourth sets, 6-2 and 6-4. The fifth set, and the championship, went to Morgan and Smith, 6-2.

Lt. (jg) Joan Cady Sartorius and Morgan defeated Jean Dennison and Dick Lather, 6-1, 6-3, to top the field in the mixed doubles.

### Reichenbach Is Singles Champ

Sp(S)2c Kay Reichenbach trounced PhM3c Jean Morrison, 6-1, 6-1, to take the Women's Singles championship. Kay's effective baseline play was too much for Jean's strong portside drives.

On Sunday, September 16, six WAVES journeyed to the University of California courts in Berkeley to compete in the 12th Naval District Women's Invitational Tournament.

### Oak Knoll Gains 9 Points

Joan Cady Sartorius won her first two matches handily and will continue in her quest for the title Sunday, September 23. Kay Reichenbach won her first encounter, but then succumbed to Miss Clavel, who represents District Headquarters.

The other Oak Knollers entered in the tournament were Ens. Daly, Ens. Tappen and PhM3c Jean Morrison.

## Basketeers Start Practice Oct. 1st

Oak Knoll's Station Basketball Team starts practice for its full season schedule on October 1 under the leadership of SP(A)1c S. J. Picariello, head coach. Picariello, who helped Clare Bee whip together the famed Long Island University Team, will be assisted here by F. Catalino.

All men interested in trying out for the squad are invited to come out to the Athletic Field on October 1 at 1730 for practice on the outdoor court, bringing their own suits and sneakers. Practice will be held at 1730 thereafter on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

PhM3c Proctor will manage the team and has scheduled some crack opposition in addition to that to be met in league play.

## Cage, Volleyball Teams Forming

Compound Basketball and Volleyball Tournaments are now in the process of being formed by the Welfare and Recreation Department. Play will be organized on a Round Robin basis and all departments are invited to form teams and enter them in tourney play.

Volleyball entries must be in by September 28 and Basketball entries by October 3. Entries may be turned in at the Athletic Office in the Bowling Alleys. Individual awards are planned for the members of the first and second place winners in each sport.

## Riding Instruction Now Available for Knollers

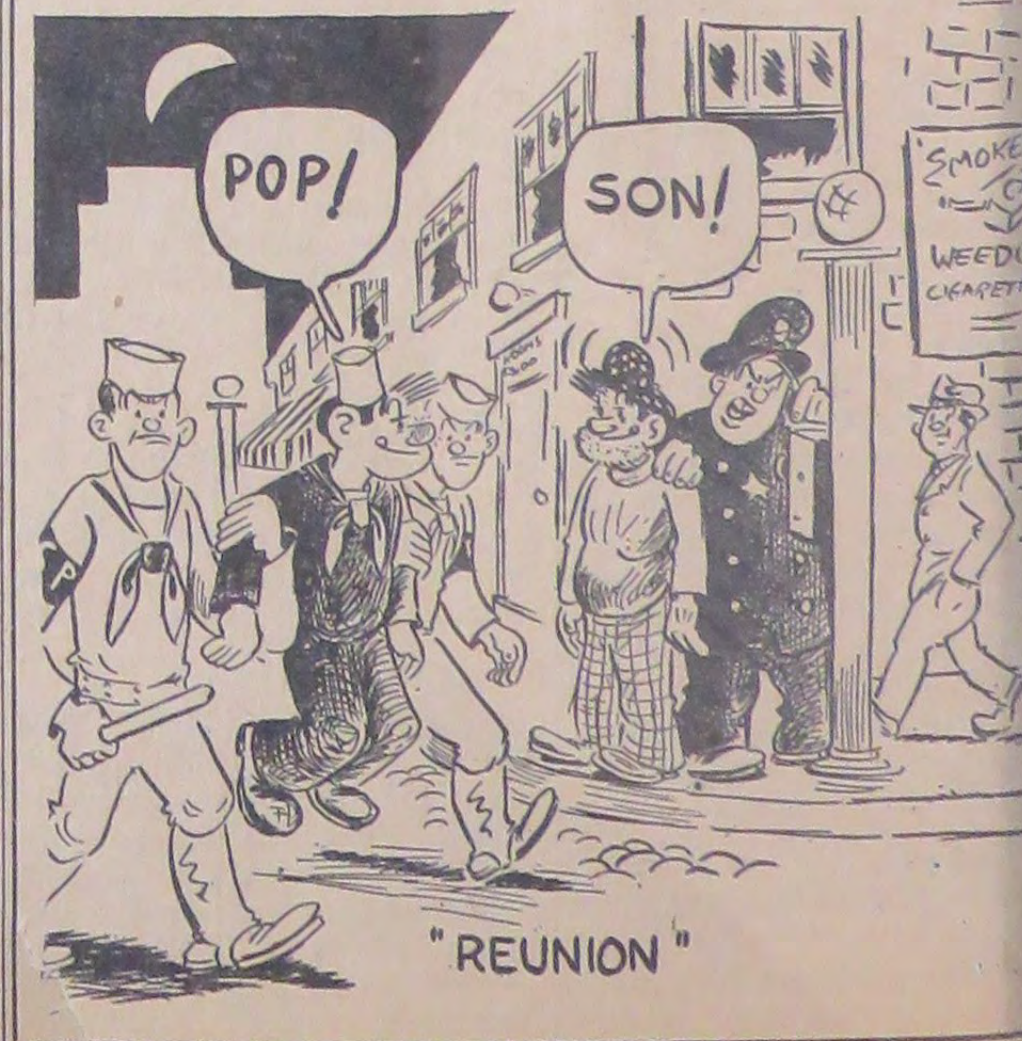
Expert horseback riding instruction is now available to all hands through arrangements made with the Welfare and Recreation Department. All types of riding will be taught, including jumping, and the price is \$2.00 for individual lessons or \$10.00 for a series of lessons.

The Cressmont Stables at Mills College are the scene of the lessons, which will be held Wednesday and Thursday nights at 8 p. m. However, private lessons are available during the day.

Interested personnel may come to the Welfare and Recreation Department for further details or contact Cornelia Cress at KE. 29842.

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## Specialist "A's" Score First In Staff Demobilization



NINETEEN OF THE 26 MUSCLE MEN POSE FOR A FAREWELL PICTURE.

Large scale demobilization hit U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland for the first time on Monday, September 24 when 26 Athletic Specialists packed their seabags and headed for the Navy's separation center at Shoemaker.

### Most Are Chiefs

The men, most of them Chief Specialist (A), were strikers for civilian first class and eagerly looked forward to a wide variety of civilian jobs.

Chief Replogle, the master of the ball field, returns to Kansas University to become assistant football coach and instructor in the Physical Education Department. Chief Al Lansdon, former center for the University of Nevada gridders, goes back to Reno and the cattle business, keeping a semi-pro ball club as his athletic sideline.

### Return to Civilian Jobs

Olympic Wrestling Champion in 1928, Chief Allie Morrison returns

## Waves Transferred to S. F. Separation Center

Ten of Oak Knoll's Waves left this week for Separation Center duty in Balboa Park, San Francisco. Corpswaves all, they will help process servicewomen who are eligible for discharge.

The group included Gladys E. Ballard, Lola E. Bennett, Leona Brown, Virginia S. Chase, Helen Harkrider, Evelyn J. Kemstra, Bea C. Mercurio, Maureen A. Erlen, Mary H. Sulem, and Sandra Taylor.

Good duty, mates!

to the midwest to coach more winning grapplers. Chief Nitzel will stay just long enough to collect his discharge and then dash back to Ohio to begin selling houses. Chief "Gabby" Gabrysiak will go back to insuring all Michigan against fire, tornado, and theft.

Oak Knoll's best wishes for success go with these popular Specialist (A)'s as they re-enter the civilian world.

## Wave Officer Is 12ND Net Champ

Lt. (jg) Joan Cady Sartorius, Oak Knoll's Queen of the tennis courts, scored two straight-set victories on Sunday, September 23 to take top honors in the 12th Naval District Invitational Tournament. The matches were played on the University of California courts in Berkeley.

Team honors, however, were denied to Oak Knoll due to the fact that Lt. (jg) Sartorius was the hospital's only surviving representative in semi-final and final play.

Against Ens. Keesling of Treasure Island in the semi-finals, Lt. (jg) Sartorius had things pretty much her own way as she scored a 6-3, 6-1 victory. The finals saw her matched against Y2c Clavel of the District Office in San Francisco who put up a tough battle but eventually succumbed by a similar score, 6-1, 6-3.

## Leatherneck Vet Enlisted in '84

Many interesting patients have received treatment at Oak Knoll during the short years of its existence, but one of the most interesting is 2nd Lt. Edward A. Platt, USMCR.

### Born in 1864

Second Lt. Platt was born June 15, 1864, the year Lincoln was re-elected. He enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps on February 6, 1884 (when a leatherneck really wore a leather-neck). He did general Marine duty until the year 1896, when he saw his first real action aboard the USS Newark when she proceeded, at the request of the Cuban government, to attack and seize the famous gun-running ship "Dauntless."

### Saw Action With Dewey

In 1897, when the Turks fired upon a U. S. gunboat in the Dardanelles, he was a member of the

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## RARE PAIR!



A study in contrasts was achieved when petite and charming PhM3c Mary Bryde (practically five feet tall) met AMMF1c Darrell Crone who stands a scant six foot ten inches. Darrell, who boasts of being the tallest sailor in the Navy and who had to have a special dispensation to get in, is now convalescing in Glenwood Springs. Mary is a popular muscle builder in Physio.

## Lt. Cmdr. Dillon Is New Chief Nurse



Lt. Cmdr. Marion R. Dillon (NNC)

With the departure of Miss Orr for overseas duty, Lt. Cmdr. Marion R. Dillon (NNC) takes over the job of Chief Nurse at Oak Knoll. She will hold the position until the arrival of Lt. Cmdr. Deatlerla from a Pacific base hospital.

Born in Chelmsford, Mass., Miss Dillon entered the Navy in 1927 and since then has seen considerable duty both ashore and afloat. She has served in Cuba and Puerto Rico and aboard the USS Relief and the transport, USS West Point.

No stranger to west coast duty (she likes our climate), Lt. Cmdr. Dillon came to Oak Knoll in August, 1945 from Parris Island, So. Carolina.

## Drug Firm Offer Jobs To Hospital Corpsmen

WASHINGTON, D.C. (HCQNS) —Peoples Drug Stores, operating one hundred and thirty-one retail and prescription pharmacies, doing one and one-half million prescriptions yearly in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Tennessee and West Virginia request that any hospital corpsman expecting to be discharged contact them with reference to employment as there are now many openings for registered and unregistered personnel, both men and women.

T. N. Beavers, a chief pharmacist's mate in world war one, started as a prescription clerk with

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## President Truman

President Roosevelt's leadership was held by a majority of our people to be both great and unique. There was a general fear while he served us that any successor we might find would not measure up to the demands of the times. Too well was it known that weak and mediocre presidents have not been unusual in the history of this nation, despite the theoretical absurdity of the "indispensable man" concept.

When Mr. Truman came into office, he came with the anxious hopes of a nation full of misgiving. We had not voluntarily changed horses in the middle of the stream. "The horse of state," to modify an idiom, had foundered. The new steed was fresh and vigorous, but he was untried and we had only vaguely thought of him as battling flood tides.

It is, of course, too early to assay the success of our new leader. His beginning has been encouraging. He has surrounded himself with men of fame and merit. He has moved rapidly and calmly, without bitterness. He has made decisions simply and clearly and told us about them with a gratifying under-emphasis upon himself. Even more gratifying has been the response of the public and the Congress—whose eagerness for successful leadership has made them cooperative and friendly.

It was undoubtedly true that we had for too long despaired of finding another leader who could and would measure up to the times. It was increasingly true that we descended into a psychological state of mind unbefitting democratic society; it will be rare good fortune and salutary experience if the nation discovers that it possesses the potential of many such excellent leaders. Nevertheless, let us not too quickly take comfort. But for political expediency and fate, would President Truman ever have been chosen for the Great Office? Has the citizenry showed itself as a reliable judge of this potential statesmanship? Or are we merely lucky this time? It still remains to be proved, whatever Truman's demonstration in the White House, that America regularly puts "a Man in its Chair of State, not a weary old addlepate."

## Welcome Aboard!

Entering active duty at Oak Knoll last week were thirty newly-fledged Hospital Corpsmen from the Naval Corps School in San Diego. We welcome these men and wish them a pleasant tour of duty here.

It is expected that some ratings will be open in the near future to those who can qualify. However, only regular Navy men are eligible for technician schools. Further information may be obtained at the Staff Personnel Office in the Administration Building.

The thirty men who arrived here last Saturday, September 22, were:

Anthony Joseph Angelo, George Henry Axtell, Donald Tallmadge Baird, John Dryer Ball, Lyle Lloyd Coon, Charles Augustine Fagan, John Harold Fulten, John Frederick Gilhuly, John Gorman, Reed George Jepsen, Garwood Elsworth Kline, Dannie Eugene Le Roy, Cecil Ned Lupton, Edwin James Nelson, James William Neptune, Vernon Elbert Parker, Alfred John Pozzo, Robert Gibson Reeves, Jack Otis Shattuc, Jack Alton Starr, James Russell Storrs, Jr., Robert Charles Surbauch, Jr., Loyd Herschel Trunnell, Eustice Roger Campfield, Leland Hardin Clegg, Russell Clayton Jones, Johnnie H. Lowe, Sr., Edward Phelan Morris, Xavier Tatum, James Curtis Watts.

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., U. S. N.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

## Red Cross Names Miss Kirker Asst. Field Director

The Red Cross welcomes as their newly appointed assistant field director, Mrs. Hilda Kirker, who reported for duty on September 11. Mrs. Kirker received her social work training at the Smith College of Social Work and at the University of Chicago, from which institution she received her Master of Arts degree.

Her civilian social work experience was at the Chicago Relief Administration and at the Family Service Association in Wheeling, W. Va. Mrs. Kirker has also had previous Red Cross experience, having served as a Psychiatric Social Worker at Fort Belvoir, Va., and as Assistant Field Director of the Station Hospital at Camp Davis, N. C.

Junior: Dad, what's the difference between a gun and a machine gun?

Dad: There's a big difference. It is just as if I spoke, and then your mother spoke.

## Officers

### Coming:

Lt. (Jg) Joseph O. Conlow (HC) USN; Lt. Cmdr. Wendell H. Humphrey (MC) USNR; Pharm. Roy J. Barnhill (MC) USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Albert H. Thronson (DC(S) USNR; Lt. Alfred C. Godwin (MC) USNR; Lt. Jock R. Anderson (MC) USN; Cmdr. Hjalmer O. Erickson (V(S) USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Reuben L. LeVine (MC) USN; Lt. Edward H. Vincent (USNR; Lt. Frederick O. Beardsley (USNR; Lt. (Jg) Melvin B. Black (USNR; Lt. (Jg) Robert C. Cornell (USNR; Lt. (Jg) Herbert V. Davis (USNR; Lt. Cletus J. Dunn (DC) USN; Lt. Saxton F. Bird (DC) USNR; Lt. Ert Rowen, Jr. (DC) USNR; Lt. Frank Uhrig (DC) USNR; Lt. Robert M. Montgomery (DC) USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Conrad MC(W) USNR.

### Going:

Cmdr. Harold P. Maloney MC(S) USN; Lt. Cmdr. E. C. Najjar (MC) USNR; (Jg) Norman R. Hoelzel (MC) USNR; (Jg) Richard O. Barnes (MC) USNR; (Jg) Joe J. Griffin (MC) USNR; Warrant Officer Joseph N. Swearingen USMC.

### NOTICE!

World Wide Communion for all Protestants will be observed on Sunday, October 7 at 10:00. On this day The Lord's Supper will be celebrated in Protestant churches throughout the world. Watch for further details.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### "That The Blind Might See"

This is called by some an "unpleasant subject." But, if by bringing it up we can prod someone a bit closer to God it will be worth the taste of others.

A Marine once asked, "How can a man be unconcerned about God when he may have only one hour or day to live?" That's a tough question to answer. You might as well ask, "Why don't the blind see?" If a blind man had an opportunity, through an operation, to gain his sight and see, we would think him rather silly to refuse. Why then should people who have a chance at eternity trade it for moment's doubtful pleasure?

The man born blind does not know how wonderful it is to see. Neither does the man without God know the wonder of knowing God. That man is as lacking in completeness of personality as one bereft of part of his senses. He lacks more than that for the man with God is a new man.

The war may be over but that does not stop people from dying young or old. Let us not be morbid; neither let us be afraid to face this fact. Eternity is that for which this life should prepare us.

How, then, can we know God? How can we meet and become acquainted with Him? The Bible is the story of God's making Himself known to men! There you find out how He does it. But you will never know Him until you meet Him. If you are willing to submit your soul to His searching gaze—then God will make Himself known to you.

Sometimes He stands astride the path that we take going about our own selfish way. Regardless of whether we search for Him or searches for us, will we recognize God when we meet Him?—or will we be blind?

CHAPLAIN A. T. L. ARMSTRONG

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplain—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, E. H. Day, Walter M. Theobald.  
Sunday: In Chapel—Communion, 9:00; Divine Services, 10:30; Vespers, 1800.  
Ward Devotionals—9:30, 10:00, 10:30.  
Daily Devotionals—9:30.  
Service Men's Christian League—(2nd deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.  
L. D. S. (Mormon): All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplain—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—6:30 in Chapel; 8:00 and 11:00 in Auditorium.  
Weekday Mass—6:45 and 1630.  
Confessions Before all Masses.  
Novena—Benediction Wednesday 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Carl Straus, Ext. 361.  
Friday (Chapel)—2000.  
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



Our Doctor



Captain William R. Manlove  
(MC) USN

Captain Manlove, recently appointed Executive Officer at U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, was born and raised in Nashville, Tenn., a fact amply demonstrated by his deceptive southern drawl. The drawl is deceptive because, coupled with it is the forthrightness and crispness of expression that comes with long experience in the Navy and a thorough knowledge of his job.

Was Army Medic First

After taking his medical degree at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Dr. Manlove entered the Army as a 1st Lt., in the Medical Corps and saw duty with the 1st Tennessee Infantry. He took part in the Somme and Ypres-Lille offensives and was there when they broke the vaunted Hindenberg line.

Three years of private practice followed his army career and then in April of 1923 he entered the Navy as a Lt. (jg). It wasn't long after that that he met and married the Tennessee girl who has shared his Naval career ever since.

Has Seen Many Types of Duty

Speaking of the naval career that has included many types of duty in many parts of the world, Captain Manlove says he has served on most of the different types of ships with the exception of BBs and Hospital Ships.

Sea duty has included tours aboard the USS Pecos, USS Beaver, USS Vega and, during this war, the USS Brooklyn. He was aboard the Brooklyn when that

Want To Go Into Business?

Through the facilities of the Oakland Veterans' Service Committee prominent business men in the Bay Area are available to Oak Knoll patient and staff personnel for interviews regarding status, general information and post-war opportunities in particular industries. Contact your Educational Services Officer or call Ext. 164 for further information.

As an aid to service men contemplating going into business for themselves the following article, credited to Army News Service, is reprinted. It was compiled by Dun and Bradstreet, the Department of Commerce, trade associations, social agencies, and business men.

**Bars and Grills:** Minimum of \$7,000 to \$8,000 needed to open an averaged-sized bar with second-hand equipment. Average pre-war profit about 4 per cent on gross. Future: Fair, licensing in most states limits competition to actual business potentialities.

**Restaurants:** For table service, typical investment per seat is about \$225. To open a small counter lunch room, \$4,000 to \$5,000 required. Average net profit ranges from 2.2 per cent for table service to 9.2 per cent for soda and lunch room. Future: Highly competitive; many fail due to lack of knowledge relating to costs.

**Candy and Cigar Stores:** To equip moderate-sized store with a fountain costs \$4,000-\$6,000. It's cheaper and better to purchase an established store (\$1,000-\$10,000.) Pre-war net profit was 4.8 per cent. Future: Overcrowded now; will become even more crowded.

**Dry Cleaning Stores:** Required investment is \$1,000-\$4,000. Pre-war net profit averaged 6.5 per cent. Future: Stiff chain competition.

**Dry Goods Stores:** \$2,000-\$3,000 needed for variety store; \$7,000 for moderate-sized general dry goods store. Pre-war net profit: 3 per cent. Future: Good; great demand, dammed up by lack of merchandise, expected to exist for several years.

**Filling Stations:** For dealer-operated stations (leased from major oil companies) an investment of \$1,000-\$4,000 is needed for rental, security, tools and stock. Annual earning: \$2,000-\$8,000. Future: Better opportunities are outside city centers; trend is toward development into minor auto repair shops; success depends on pushing up sale of other items in relation to gas.

**Grocery and Food Stores:** Typical medium-sized store requires \$2,500-\$5,000. Pre-war, tough chain competition forced average net profit down to less than 2 per cent. Future: Considered good; many new food and beverage products are expected to come into the market after the war.

**Other Typical Businesses:** Family shoe store requires investment of \$3,500; delicatessen, \$4,500; hardware store, \$4,500; furniture and house furnishings, \$7,500.

Plenty of good possibilities are available outside the big towns in fields out of the usual run. Statistician Roger Babson says opportunities are better in small towns; he mentions such businesses as the sale and repair of farm machinery; ham or bacon curing; sale of cattle, poultry and dog foods; tanning and dressing of leather; sale of building materials, fertilizers, disinfectants; manufacture and distribution of brushes, canvas goods, games, toys and sport articles.

cruiser took part in the early offensive phases of this war at the Casablanca landings.

Helped Commission Hospital

As Executive Officer Dr. Manlove helped to commission the naval hospital at Memphis in the spring of 1943 and he has also served in Brooklyn, Washington and at Pearl Harbor.

Before coming to Oak Knoll, Captain Manlove was District Medical Officer of the 17th Naval District, which includes the Aleutians and Alaska.

Captain and Mrs. Manlove are the parents of 16-year-old Mary Louise who goes to high school here and of 7-year-old Robert Armisted.

Lieut. Platt—

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Marine detachment aboard the USS "Raleigh," which sailed to enforce the freedom of the seas. The USS "Raleigh" circled the globe to Hong Kong, China, where she became a member of Commodore Dewey's fleet that sank the Spanish flotilla in Manila Bay, May 1, 1898.

During the next 37 years he followed the Stars and Stripes in



Lt. Platt

every major Marine landing throughout the world. Later he assisted in organizing the Marine Officers' School at Quantico, Va., where he taught various subjects until the famous Marine Corps Institute was founded at Washington, D. C., for officers and enlisted men.

Second Lt. Platt is a member of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific which is headed by Albert Einstein, and is devoted to the study of higher mathematical problems.

Visitor (at lunatic home): Why are you here?

Lunatic: For no reason at all.

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In a Navy hospital, one nurse warns another: "These are the dangerous cases. They're almost well!"

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Sailor: Isn't it great speeding like this, mile after mile? Doesn't it make you glad you're alive?

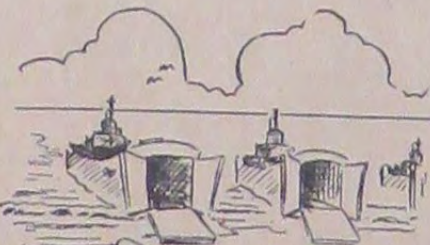
Girl: Glad? I'm amazed.

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Employer: Why do you want to quit, Joe? Are your wages too low?

Joe: The wages are all right, but I'm afraid I'm doing a horse out of a job.

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## CASES OF THE WEEK

# Hospital's POW's Suffered Jap Torture, Starvation

Darwin's well-known phrase, "The survival of the fittest," has been proved many times over here at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Oakland. Day after day, during the weeks since August 14, repatriated prisoners of war have been pouring into the compound. From high ranking officers to the lowest grades, these prisoners are young and old, warrants with years of service. China marines, tattooed chief petty officers, submariners, aviators, ratings with hash marks and others without, coming from many ships and stations.

## Healthiest Arriving First

Like a great purse seine net disgorging its catch, the Japanese prison camps have released the men captured by them during the War in the Pacific. By air and transport this same "catch" of our men are returning. Only those strong in mind and body have come to us thus far; their less fortunate shipmates have still to make their appearance.

The more famous of our people, whose military exploits have made history, have been written up in the daily press, but it is still good to get a worm's eye view of confinement in prison from the ordinary soldier man—the private.

## Captured in Hong Kong

In this group of returning prisoners there filtered in eight Canadian privates, all volunteers, who had gone from Canada in October, 1941 with the Royal Rifles from Quebec and the ill-fated Winnipeg Grenadiers. Inadequately equipped for a major defense at Hong Kong, many were killed by the onslaught of the Japanese drive on the city. Those that survived remained in captivity in Hong Kong for a very short period and then they were hustled to Japan.

Most of their 44 months of prison was spent in Niigata, which was neither the worst nor the best of the Japanese camps. The first winter was the worst, though the following winters were very little better. Beriberi, dysentery, and severe malnutrition began to appear and the ever present fleas and vermin added to the general misery. The men soon learned that they simply could not be sick, for illness brought beatings and harder working conditions.

## 90 Die the First Winter

During the first winter some 90 men died. However the survivors became very expert at stealing food. As for heat, it was never known. The small charcoal fire used was for the exclusive use of the Japanese guards. To keep

warm the prisoners slept with their boots on (if they had any); for clothing, discarded and patched Japanese army uniforms were sometimes distributed.

The fact that the camp roof caved in one snowy night, killing eight men, brought about some reforms instigated by the Japanese civilian authorities. A system of daily work was inaugurated; some to farms, others to stevedore work on the docks, others to coal mines to push carts of coal, while others were designated to work in mills. The soldier who got the cobbler's job and the one who got the barber's job felt that they had fared far better than their fellow prisoners.

## Japs Arrange "Christmas Party"

It is strange what can cause mirth among some people but these Canadian soldiers interrupted one another constantly as they described a Christmas day party. The Japanese arrived with a low grade miniature Christmas tree, crudely decorated. For food (in lieu of turkey and trimmings) they brought boxes of tangerines or small oranges. They then proceeded to take pictures of this very festive occasion but once the photographer was finished the Japs then ate the oranges and took away the Christmas tree. All that the soldiers had was the experience.

The occasional American Red Cross package that arrived at the camp was a joy to receive and a greater pleasure to eat. The item most cherished in the Red Cross package, however, was the small bar of soap, for its monetary and bribing power was practically unlimited.

Forty-four months is a long time in any man's life, particularly when it is spent in a prison camp, but the amazing thing about these men is the recovery of their health and spirits in so short a time and their ability to laugh at the stupidity and greed of their erstwhile captors.

"I seem to have run out of gas," he said sweetly. The Wave's face, small and white, was turned up to his, her eyes glowing dizzily from beneath heavy lids. Her head swam. Slowly he bent over her.

Why not? He was her dentist.

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Two sailors lost their way. Said one: "We must be in a cemetery, there's a gravestone." The other lit a match and replied: "Yeah, he lived to the ripe old age of 128."

"What's his name?"

"Some guy named Miles from Los Angeles."

## The Wolf

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"Room for just one more!"

## Off the Bookshelf

### WHAT AMERICA IS READING—BEST SELLERS IN THE HOSPITAL LIBRARY

#### Fiction

Caldwell: *The Wide House*. (Novel of the 1850's in New York.)

Cronin: *The Green Years*. (Boyhood of a Catholic in Scotland.)

Douglas: *The Robe*. (Story of a family whose son was in charge of the crucifixion of Christ, and later came into possession of Christ's robe.)

Forester: *Commodore Hornblower*. (Captain Hornblower is promoted and put in charge of a British squadron in the Baltic in 1812.)

Goudge: *Green Dolphin Street*. (Romance of two sisters, with settings in the Channel Islands and New Zealand.)

Hilton: *So Well Remembered*. (Story of a public-spirited man and of an unusual woman, whose life touched his and that of two other men.)

Langley: *A Lion is in the Streets*. (Novel based on the life of Huey Long.)

Lehmann: *The Ballad and the Source*. (Study of a dominating woman.)

Marshall: *The World, The Flesh, and Father Smith*. (Story of a Catholic priest in a Scotch community.)

Rand: *The Fountainhead*. (A modern architect's difficulties in adhering to his ideals.)

Sedges: *The Townsman*. (Story of a pioneer in Kansas.)

Shellabarger: *Captain from Castile*. (Historical novel on the Spanish conquest of Mexico.)

Steele: *That Girl from Memphis*. (Biographical novel of Jessie Benton Fremont.)

Wickenden: *The Wayfarers*. (father's attempts to bring up children after ten years of neglect.)

Winsor: *Forever Amber*. (Recreation period.)

#### Non-Fiction

Adams: *A. Woolcott*. (Biography of a well-known literary man.)

Bromfield: *Pleasant Valley*. (Country life on an author's farm.)

Cerf: *Try and Stop Me*. (Collection of anecdotes and stories, mostly humorous.)

Cleote: *Against These Things*. (Biographies of three South Africans: Paul Kruger, Cecil Rhodes and Lobengula, last king of Matabele.)

Hamlin: *Nine Mile Bridge*. (Three years in the Maine woods.)

Lawrence: *A Star Dancer*. (Autobiography of a musical comedy star.)

Mauldin: *Up Front*. (Experiences of the G. I. cartoonist.)

Papashvily: *Anything Can Happen*. (Humorous autobiography of a Russian American.)

Pyle: *Brave Men*. (Eye-witness account of the European invasion.)

Pyle: *Here Is Your War*. (Story of the North African campaign.)

Smith: *Desert Island Decameron*. (Humorous stories.)

Snow: *The Pattern of Soviet Power*. (An estimate of Russia as it emerges from the war.)

Stewart: *Names on the Land*. (Historical account of place-names in the United States.)

Trumbull: *Silversides*. (Story of a submarine.)

Wright: *Black Boy*. (Autobiography of a well-known negro author.)



# Rugged Northwest Scenery At U.S.N.H., Seattle

The city of Seattle—like Rome—is built on seven hills, but it is really a city of lakes and parks. Sandwiched between Puget Sound and Lake Washington, it has within its limits two large lakes and 44 parks. The ship canal running through the city and joining salt water with fresh has the largest capacity of any canal on this con-



Pro gives golfing pointers . . .

continent outside Panama. Across Lake Washington is a floating bridge, the largest pontoon-type bridge in the world.

## Country Has Rugged Beauty

To the west of Seattle are the Olympic Mountains, to the east the Cascades. Beyond the Cascades lie the Horse Heaven Hills and sagebrush country, where a gigantic laboratory and a city of 60,000 was built overnight to make the Atomic Bomb. South of Seattle is Mount Rainier, third highest peak in the continental United States, (14,408 ft. altitude), and to the north is the "Sentinel of the Border," Mount Baker. In such surroundings is located the U. S. Naval Hospital. Although its position on the northeast edge of Seattle makes it free from the noise and bustle of the city, patients find all points of interest in the city easily accessible.

Seattle "All Navy"  
Seattle has been "all Navy" ever since the day 89 years ago when bluejackets of an American man o' war fought off attacking Indians and saved the infant city from destruction. From that day to this the sailor has found a warm welcome in the city on Puget Sound.

At the hospital itself, there is unlimited possibility for a good time. Daily activities include the usual golf, horseback riding, baseball, wrestling matches, and invitations to home dinners. But every week brings a variety of special events such as horse racing at Long Acres, fishing trips, yacht cruises on Lake Washington, dances, or concerts at the University of Washington. During the summer months swimming parties and picnics are popular among hospital patients.

The usual expert medical care and thorough rehabilitation training are a part of the daily routine of the hospital.

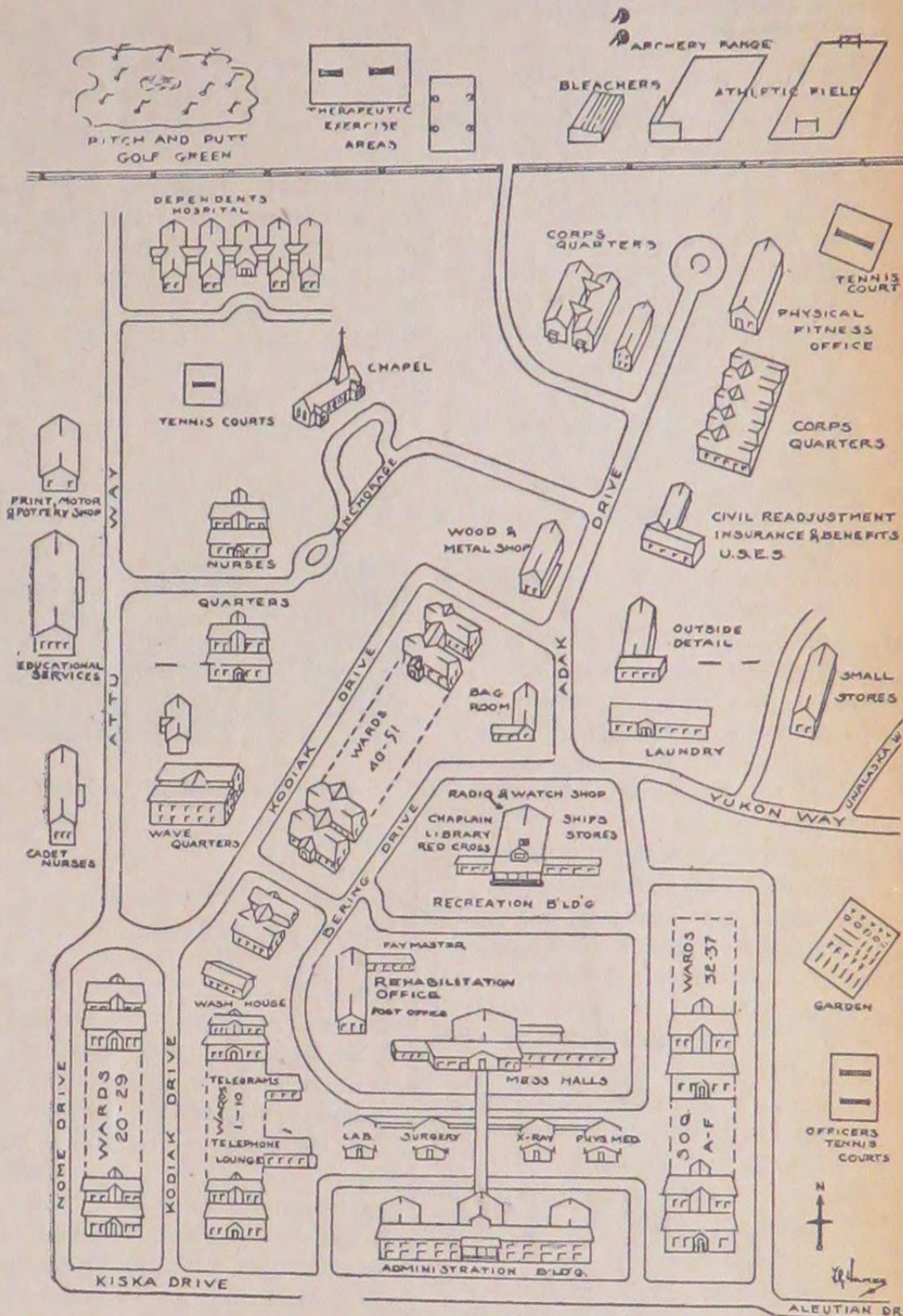
Certain shortages once existed



Riding over mountain trails . . .

in Seattle—shortages that might cause many a Navy man and Marine to hesitate before transferring to such a place, even though its scenic beauty and recreational opportunities are tempting.

In its pioneer days Seattle was





**To buy..sell..rent..!**

**NOTICE:** "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

**To buy . . .**

1935 to 1940 light car. Miss Laura Wentland at P & A, Ext. 147 or 299.

**To Sell . . .**

Electric guitar and amplifier, Steve Bloyer, Mus2c, Ward 70A. Ice box, 50-pound size. Excellent condition. \$25. Ens. D. B. Marquiss, Ext. 183. Radio, walnut cabinet, cheap. J. P. Modolo, RT1t, Ward 41B. 1929 Model A coupe. Good tires. New paint. \$195. F. Pucci, Ward 43B. Radio. \$28. M. R. Taylor, MoMM1c, Ward 41A. CPO Dress Blues. Coat size 42. Pfc. Bill Beard, Ward 53. Ford '33 coupe. Excellent shape. \$325. Phone Overland 5600. Tire, 550-17. Just recapped. \$10. C. A. Clevenger, Ward 60B, 1100-1300. Dodge sport coupe, '33. \$400. J. L. Frates, Ward 70B. House, 5-rm., year-old, stucco. Off 105th Ave., \$6000. Chief Vaughn, Patient Personnel Office. House, 6-rm., 10 minutes from Oak Knoll. \$7000 furnished. SW. 1977, 1624 96th Ave. American Illus. Medical Dictionary, 19th Edition. Fasoline, Ext. 271, Dental Clinic. House, 3-bedroom, year old. Chief Hawk, 269 Cairo Rd., near Oakland Airport. Bathinette, baby scales, chest drawers, ironing board complete. Chief Jaffe, Ward 61A. Ford, 4-dr. '33. Motor '36. \$350. At Fire House. Please do not Phone.

**Lost . . .**

Bracelet. Lettered Frances R. De-gates, Ser. 383516. Please call Ward 55. Black Waterman Pen in S. S. Miss Lupher, Ward 68B.

**Notice . . .**

Information is desired concerning Staff Sgt. Robert O. Arthur of VMF12, Wake Island. Also information is wanted concerning survivors from crew members of the submarine USS Perch. Please contact the Department of Public Information in the Administration Building Annex.

Man: Did you ever run across a man who at the slightest touch could cause you to thrill and tremble all over?

Sweet Young Thing: Yes, the dentist.

"Did the honor system work well in your math. class?"

"Yes, until some sneak went and squealed on us."

**Frost Brothers Shared Prison For 45 Months**

The state of Kentucky should be mighty proud of the three Frost boys. In fact, the entire United States owes them a debt of gratitude.

Their story begins back in 1939 when Lawrence K. and Clare B. Frost joined the U. S. Navy "To See the World." In due time they became shipfitters 2c and 3c, respectively, aboard the USS Canopus, a sub tender. December 10, 1941, the Canopus took two torpedoes in Marvalic Bay and went down. The



Lawrence and Clare Frost

crew joined the defenders of Corregidor, the Frost brothers being attached to the Fourth Marines.

On December 28 they were taken prisoners by the Japanese, to be held half-starved and impoverished until their day of liberation on September 4, 1945. During the 45 months these boys were imprisoned they were transferred from Cabanatuan in the Philippines to Umeda prison in Japan. They were liberated at Yokahama by the American Red Cross and were brought direct to Oak Knoll.

A third brother entered the Navy recently in hope of being in on the rescue of his older brothers. Special arrangements are now being made to reunite these three brothers so that they may return to Kentucky together.

All three brothers have expressed a desire to ship over in the peacetime Navy, as they see definite possibilities of a good future in the service.

Patient: Sorry to bring you all the way out here, Doctor.

Doctor: Oh, that's all right. I can see another patient and so kill two birds with one stone.

**SWIMMING POOL HOURS**

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

**Monday through Friday**

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

**Saturday**

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

**Sunday**

1230-1500—Officers.  
1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

**ON and OFF the COMPOUND****SAN FRANCISCO****Music and Theatre**

Geary—"Rebecca," Diana Barrymore, 8:30 p.m., ends soon. "Adam Ate the Apple," comedy, opens, Mon., Oct. 8.  
Curran—"Song Without Words," 8:30 p.m., ends soon. "Merry-Go-Round" opens Mon., Oct. 8.  
Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with free refreshments, nightly at 8:30 (except Monday).

**Cinema**

United Artists—"Bedside Manner," Ruth Hussey.  
Orpheum—"Over 21," Irene Dunne.  
Golden Gate—"Johnny Angel," George Raft. Also in person, Louis Armstrong and his Orchestra.  
Esquire—"Mr. Mugs Rides Again," Bowery Kids.

**Sports**

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)  
Baseball—Seals Stadium, 16th and Bryant. Reached by 19 car (Larkin st. line). Admission to servicemen 30c (grandstand) on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights, and Saturday afternoons.

**Radio Broadcasts**

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

**Museums**

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

**Where to Go**

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of the theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter, Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

**OAKLAND**

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

**Cinema**

Fox-Oakland—"Wonder Man," Danny Kaye.  
Grand Lake—"Duffy's Tavern," with Archie.

**Municipal Auditorium**

Theater—"Rebecca," Diana Barrymore. Sun., Oct. 7. Mat. and night.

**Where to Go**

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.  
De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.  
Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**Mills College**

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and Inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.  
Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 3-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1581.

**ON THE COMPOUND****Cinema (Auditorium)**

Sat., Sept. 29—"Arabian Nights," Maria Montez.  
Sun., Sept. 30—"House on 92nd Street," Lloyd Nolan.  
Mon., Oct. 1—"Circumstantial Evidence," Michael O'Shea.  
Tues., Oct. 2—"Captain Kidd," Charles Laughton.  
Wed., Oct. 3—"River Gang," Gloria Jean.  
Thur., Oct. 4—"Adventures of Rusty," Conrad Nagel.  
Fri., Oct. 5—"First Yank in Tokyo," Tom Neal.  
Sat., Oct. 6—"Government Girl," Olivia de Havilland.

**Visiting Hours**

Enlisted, Officer, and Civilian Personnel are permitted visitors from 1300 to 1600 every day and from 1900 to 2030 on Wednesdays. There are no visiting hours on Sunday nights. In the event that a patient is on the critical or serious list, next of kin will be permitted to visit at any time.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys, 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630. Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.

Leave 1300—Return 1630.

**BUS SCHEDULE**

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0023. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

**SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS**

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted staff and patient personnel.

1 October—Round Table Series with Supplementary film: News Development. Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

2 October—Round Table Discussion, "Opportunities in the Merchant Marine." Mr. Max Kimball, Mr. Howard Pellon (War Shipping Admin.).

3 October—Lecture and Discussion, "Priorities for Business Operation." Mr. L. Little (Small War Plants Corp.).

4 October—Lecture and Discussion, "Savings and Loan Companies." Mr. G. Vanderend, (City Manager, Berkeley, Calif.).





USNH Seattle has a beautiful chapel . . .



And a modern athletic field and bleachers . . .

## Seattle—

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later the professor, still lonely, set out for the east again. This time he brought brides for himself and 45 other bachelors of the great Northwest. Little is written of Mercer's work at the University, but it is certain that the men of his day held him in high esteem for the work he did toward building a city.

Navy men and Marines now recovering at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Seattle, are happy to report that the shortage which bothered the professor and his fellow pioneers has been completely overcome.

## Jobs—

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the company when he was discharged from the service. He is now president of the company and has employed many former hospital corpsmen. For further information write Raymond Watson (a former Navy pharmacist) at 77 "P" Street, NE, Washington D.C.

The Upjohn Company, manufacturers of pharmaceuticals, Kalamazoo, Mich., is planning an expansion program in its sales and medical service staff. This type of work requires men who are qualified as registered pharmacists or those who have had premedical academic sciences such as physiology, biology and chemistry.

If you feel you are qualified either because of training received before entering the Navy or because of training received while in the Navy and are interested in such a position, you should contact the Sales Department of The Upjohn Company, Kalamazoo, Mich., for further details and information.

## Shore Patrol Saves Day When GI Flies Coop

DETROIT, (SEA).—Military police here had a new AWOL case when a stray GI pigeon was turned over to them.

## Seabee Expedition Unearths Rich Oil Deposits in Alaska Arctic

For the first time in the history of Arctic exploration, the Navy's Seabees, using the world's heaviest

construction machinery in a region of Alaska known formerly only to whaling ships and dog teams, are now in process of unearthing oil reserves which authoritative sources claim may be of immense value.

Vice Admiral Morrell directed Captain Gillespie, June 2, 1944, to organize the expedition. In six weeks the expedition was provided with sufficient cargo to fill one World War I Hog Island merchant ship and one Liberty ship at a West Coast port. Oil-drilling equipment had arrived from Texas and California, and other cargo filtered through to the embarkation point from procurement centers in Washington, D. C., Chicago, Houston and Los Angeles.

The expedition reached the ice fields, ready for a year's seclusion. Amphibious landings had to be made at carefully selected sites off Point Barrow and Cape Simpson, beyond Barrow, but the enemy this time was the violent Arctic ice—no docks or ramps being possible, LCM's and pontoon barges, the latter husky, sturdily-built and self-propelled, took the men and their equipment ashore. The unloading had to be done some three miles offshore in shifting ice. They encountered fog, but time was too precious to wait for favorable weather.

Point Barrow, the western beginning of the expedition proper, is only 1,100 miles from the North Pole. The expedition had to establish itself on the reserve within the six weeks of the "open" season, involving split-hair timing.

The expedition, still in operation, involves approximately 200 men and represents in cost a minor fraction of the probable magnitude of the results.

## Powers Settle Problem of Manchuria

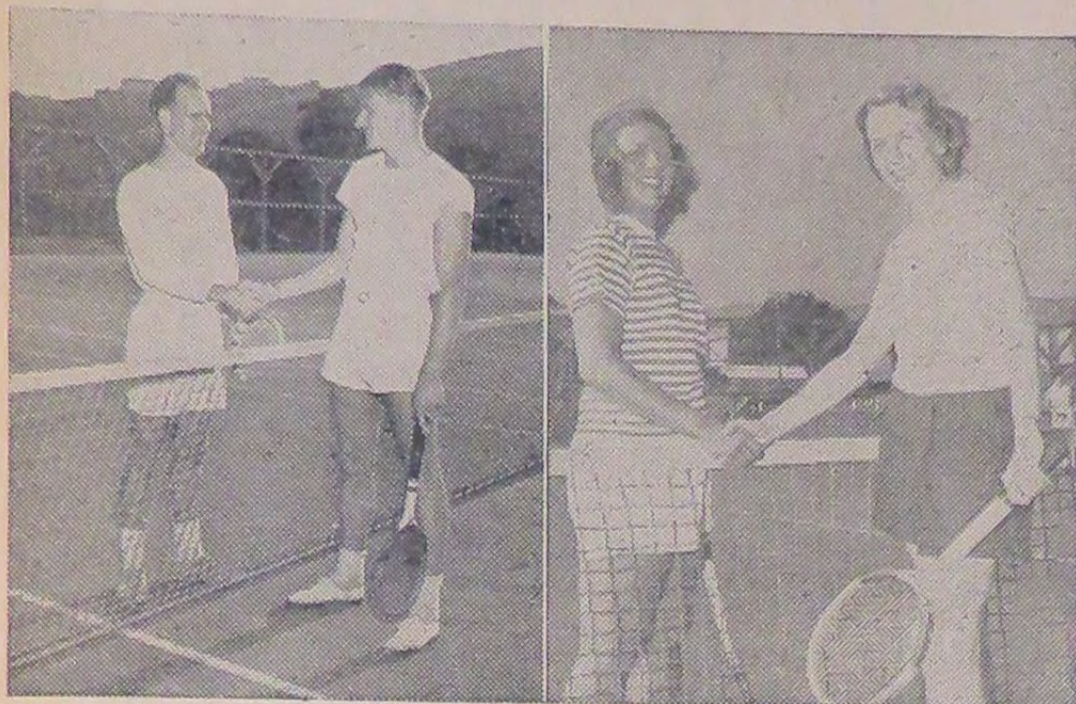


Russian troops will be withdrawn from Manchuria three months after Japan's formal surrender, under a new 30-year treaty between the USSR and China. Dairen will be a free port, open to all nations, but administered by the Chinese, and Port Arthur will be used jointly as a Russo-Chinese naval base. The Southern Manchuria Railway (running through Harbin, Hsinking, Mukden, and Dairen) and the Chinese Eastern Railroad (from Lupin to Vladivostok, via Harbin) will be jointly operated by the two countries. Russia will also give military supplies and moral support to the Chiang Kai-shek government, to the exclusion of the Chinese Communists.



# The Sporting Scene

## These Won and Lost in Net Finals



Oak Knoll's recent compound Tennis Tournament found these four fighting it out for top honors in the Men's and Women's Singles. PhM3c Wilford T. Morgan (left) receives the congratulations of Lt. Robert A. Wright (DC) USNR, on his straight set victory, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3. In the Women's Singles Sp(S)2c Kay Reichenbach (right) won over PhM3c Jean Morrison by a 6-1, 6-1 score.

## BASE NOTES

★ Congratulations go to Lt. (jg) Kobza, Interne on ward 43B, on the birth of an eight pound, nine ounce baby boy. Val Thomas Kobza was born in Omaha, Nebraska where the Kobzas have their home.

★ Congratulations also go to PhM1c Leland Douglas and best wishes to Mickey Finn, the compound's newest newlyweds. They were married in the Chapel on September 22 with Waves Scott and Birdsell as the bridesmaids.

★ Latest victim of the miniature ship building mania started by Wheatley and Lang is the Oak Leaf's own peripatetic cartoonist, John Penberthy. When not drawing posters, Moiphys, Okies, or Superdeuces, "Slugger" Penberthy can be found working on a minuscule USS Augusta.

★ The tearful farewell tendered HAlc Maureen O'Brien in Physio on the occasion of her departure for Separation Center work in San Francisco was ornamented by a huge floral horseshoe. The gift was the tender tribute of Maureen's many marine friends (boy).

★ And speaking of Marines, when Alvin Harrington recently celebrated his 24th birthday, the gals in Physio gave him considerable quantities of lipstick as a present.

Woman (to Conductor): Will you help me off the train? You see I'm stout and have to get off the train backwards. The porter thinks I'm getting on and gives me a shove back on again. I'm five stops past my destination now.

## Sports Comment

With the Station Softball and Baseball teams through for the year and the Basketball team not ready to go into action yet, compound interest swings to the various interward rivalries sponsored by the industrious Specialist(A)s.

### 51B Tops 51A 15-10

In a slambang affair held on September 18, ward 51B's softballers walloped 51A by a score of 15 to 10. 51B scored one run in the second, three in the third, three in the fourth, and seven in the last inning to outslug 51A who did most of their scoring in a fourth inning splurge.

### 61B Trims 51A 5-0

Ward 61B, with Leach doing the hurling, blanked 51A on September 19 5 to 0. Allowing only two hits, Leach also enjoyed air tight support. Strahle and Brinnick pitched capably for the losers but were unable to hold the opposition completely in check, 61B scoring runs in each of the last five innings.

### 61B and 51B Split

Against 61B the victorious men from 51B found the going a little tougher but managed to edge them out 10 to 6 in a game played September 20. Eight runs scored in the first inning by 51B were the deciding factor, with pitcher Cook keeping the 61B sluggers well in control.

With Leach doing the hurling for 61B the tables were turned the next day when they edged out 51B by a 5 to 3 score. Both Leach and Moore pitched fairly tight ball, each giving up six hits and the de-

ciding factor was Green's four bagger which tallied three runs for the winners in the 6th inning.

The Oak Leaf's thanks and credit go to R. W. Dunlap for his capable scorekeeping and reporting.

### Town Is Horseshoe Champ

Pitching horseshoes right now is a sport considerably in vogue at Oak Knoll, both between the wards and down at the Athletic Field. In a recent match, A. A. Town of 61B, a San Francisco champion, defeated R. R. Walters, pride of 60B. Both are past masters at the art of Barnyard Golf and the final scores were close, 21-19, 21-20, and 21-16.

### Cagers Needed

With the Basketball Season almost here, it behooves all men interested in playing on the Station Team to get in touch with Coach Picariello or Manager Proctor at the Athletic Office in the Bowling Alleys. Practice starts October 1 at 1700 on the outdoor courts.

### Compound League Organizing

Interest is growing in the Compound Round Robin Basketball Tournament now being formed here. So much so that The Oak Leaf itself is considering entering a team, to be known as "The Superdeuces." All free lances who are not planning to tie up with a department team are invited to submit applications to manager Fenstad at the Oak Leaf office on the top deck of the Post Office Building. Entries for all teams in this tournament must be turned in by October 3 at the Athletic Office in the Bowling Alleys.

First Actor: I'm getting on. Somebody has named a cigar after me.

Second Actor: I hope it draws better than you do.

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Yachtsman: If this squall continues I shall have to heave to.

Girl Passenger: What an uncouth way of saying it.

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Mr. Jones: Was your wife's slimming diet a success?

Mr. Smith: Rather. She disappeared completely last Friday night.

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Patriotic Citizen: "See here young man, why aren't you at the front?"

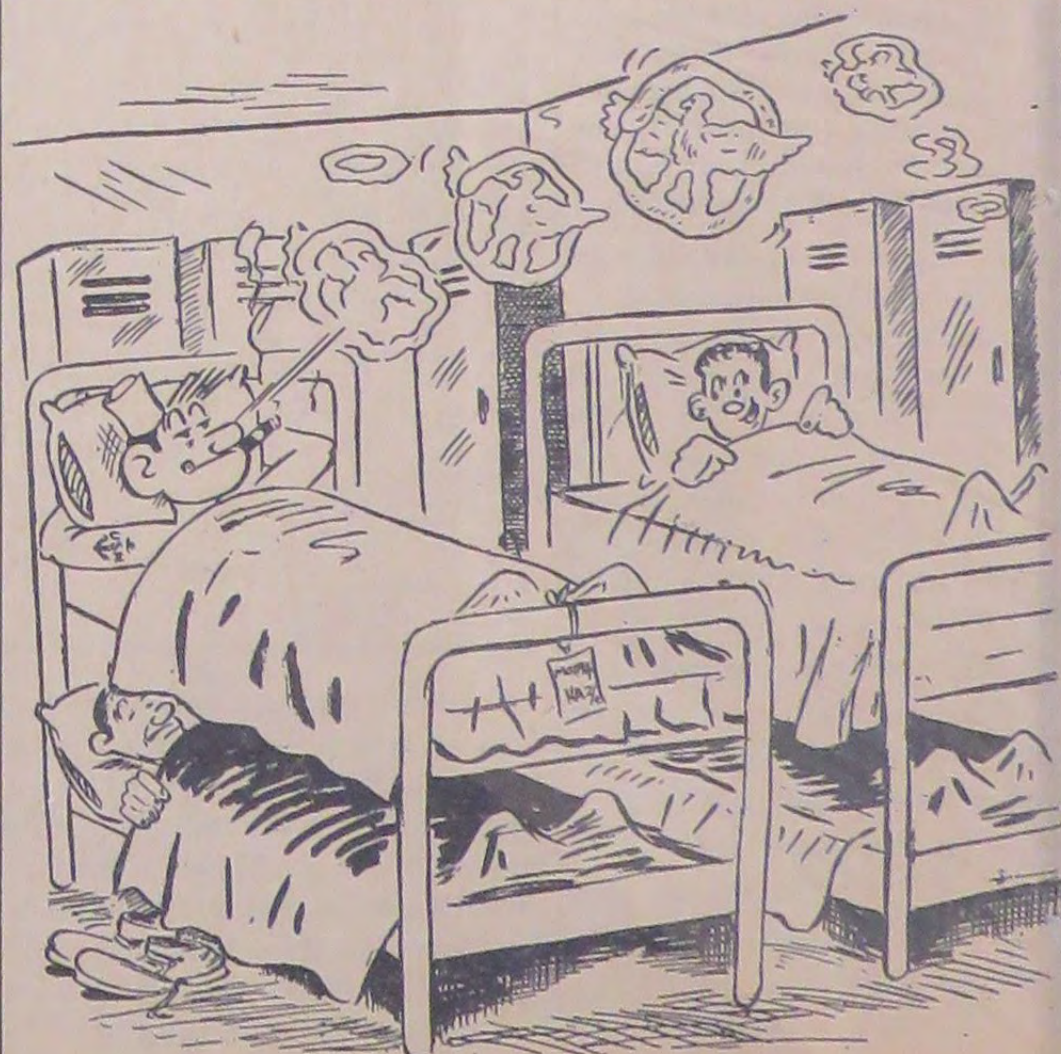
Youth (milking a cow): "Wal I reckon it's mostly because this cow ain't no different from any other cow."

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Every man should have a Victory garden, even if he has to help his wife dig it.

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"A penny for your thoughts, Moiphy."





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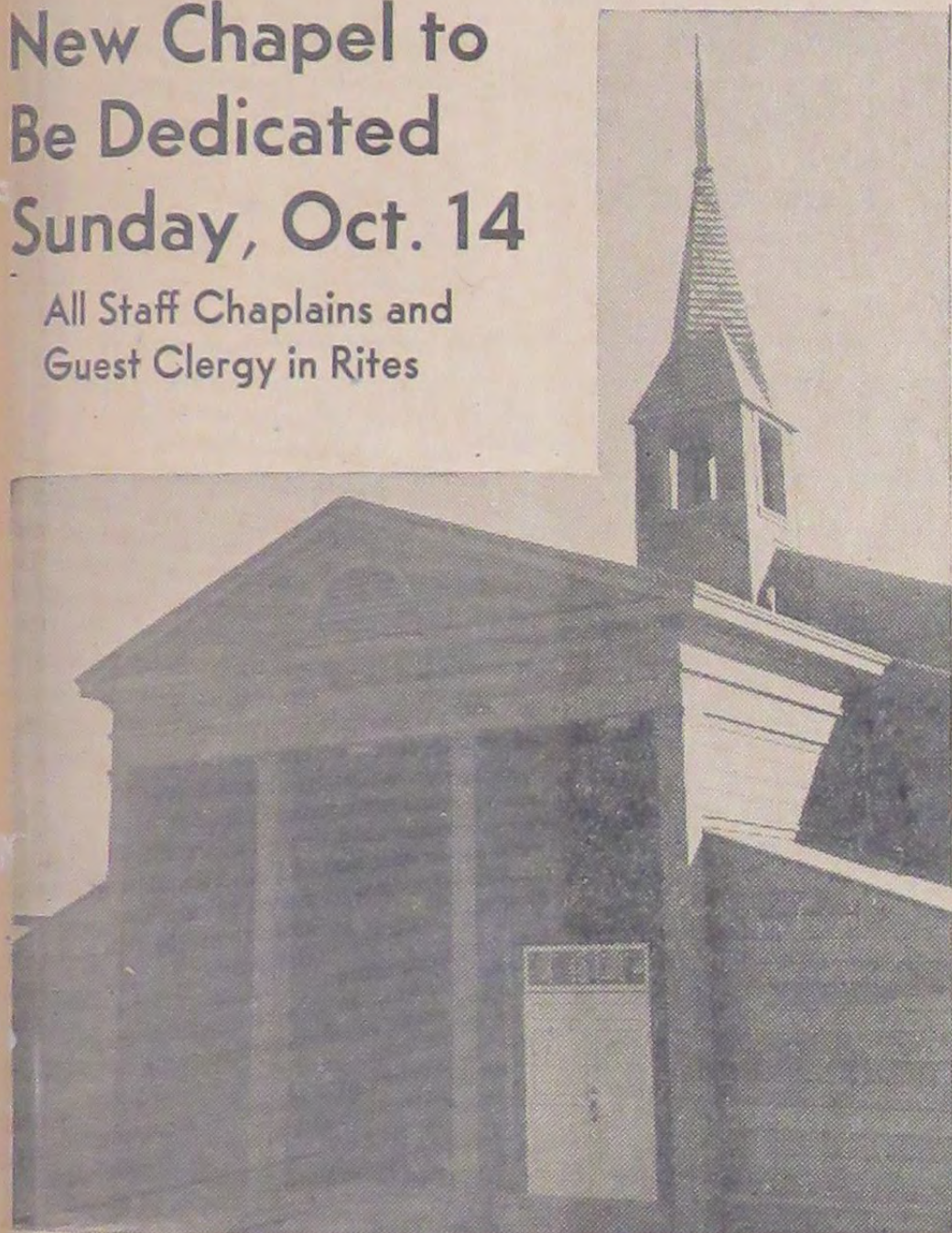
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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 6 October, 1945

## New Chapel to Be Dedicated Sunday, Oct. 14

All Staff Chaplains and Guest Clergy in Rites



FRONT VIEW OF OAK KNOLL'S NEW CHAPEL.

Sunday, October 14th, church-going Oak Knollers will observe the dedication of the hospital's spacious new chapel. Religious rites, representative of all faiths, will mark a conspicuous milestone in the rapid advancement of the compound's religious and cultural facilities.

### Many Chaplains to Participate

Aboard to assist Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, medical officer in command, and Chaplain

Charles D. Chrisman in the consecration ceremonies, will be Capt. R. W. Truitt, 12th Naval District Chaplain, and the Most Reverend Thomas A. Connelly, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco. Reverend Connelly will dedicate the Catholic Chapel at 0830 with the aid of Staff Chaplains L. A. Kelly and R. F. Redman. At 1000 Chaplain Truitt will lead the dedication of the Protestant Chapel with the help of Staff Chaplains Chrisman, Armstrong, Farris, Day, Theobald, Talley and Hale.

The following Friday, October 19th, Chaplain Cerf Strauss, assistant to the District Chaplain, will officiate at the Jewish altar dedication service scheduled at 2000.

### Building Beautiful and Practical

The inspiring new edifice represents an investment of \$40,000. Of fine traditional line and colonial theme, the chapel provides a full functional response to what has

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## National Stars in Officer Swim Fest

Helen Morgan, National Women's Diving Champion, will be the feature attraction at the gala Officer's Swim Festival to be held here on Sunday, October 7 at 1330. Oak Knoll's modern pool will be the scene of the Festival and all officers, their families, and guests are cordially invited.

In addition to the nationally prominent Helen Morgan, the show will include Diaz and Hanley, famous comedy diving team. A swimming exhibition by Wave Ens. Clark, also a national champion, comedy races, and a water basketball game will also feature the afternoon.

Captain Errol W. Willett (DC) USN is president of the sponsoring Officers' Club and Lt. Cmdr. Albert E. Pound DC(S) USNR heads the Recreational Committee. In charge of arrangements is Ens. R. V. Spraker of the Physical Training staff.

### NOTICE

All enlisted personnel with three (3) or more legally dependent children under eighteen years of age are requested to contact the Staff Personnel Office immediately. Under new directive these personnel are eligible for discharge from the U. S. Naval Service.

## Nurses' Aides Added Here

Through the Oakland Chapter of the American Red Cross, a Nurses' Aide Program has been inaugurated here at the Hospital. Forty Aides have already signed up, and will be working on our Outpatient Wards.

The majority of these Aides have been working in civilian hospitals. However, with the close of hostilities they are being relieved of their duties in civilian hospitals and becoming more in demand in military hospitals.

Welcome to Oak Knoll, girls! We are glad to have you with us and feel sure you will do a fine job.

## Oak Knoll Aid Asked For War Chest Drive

The Community War Chest Drive, now in full swing at Oak Knoll, ends here on October 8. Returns have been gratifying but more is needed if service personnel in the Bay Area are to meet the \$65,000 quota set for them.

Anybody who wants to donate to this worthy cause and has not yet been approached can contact Lt. Kershner in the Security Office, Post Office Building. The money is used for our men and women in the armed services in addition to home front health and welfare services. Have you given?

## At Reception Honoring New Exec



OUR SKIPPER, CAPTAIN DEARING, MRS. MANLOVE, CAPTAIN MANLOVE, RECENTLY APPOINTED EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND MRS. DEARING CHAT AT THE RECEPTION HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 27.

## Church Services

Church services have been re-arranged for this Sunday, Oct. 7th. Catholic Mass will be at 0630, 0830 and 1130 in the Auditorium. Protestants will observe World-wide Communion Service at 1030 in the Amphitheatre. Complete church service schedules appear on page two of this issue.



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## • Signs of the Times

Almost imperceptibly the actual end of the war is really beginning to impress the average person, especially for one who spends most of his liberty in restaurants, theaters and just plain wandering the streets pending return "home" and thus has a good opportunity to view the ever-increasing changes from wartime to "normal" living.

Unrationed gasoline has resulted in mass weekend excursions from major cities in such proportions as to afford the stay-in-towner the pleasant prospect of almost immediate service in seating at cafeterias, movie houses and public transportation. Waiters are noticeably more indulgent of a customer's presence and courteously cater to his gustatory desires (what with tips on the decline!). One restaurant in San Francisco placards: "1941—'The Customer is ALWAYS Right'; 1942-3-4—'Be Nice to Our Waiters, Please!, They're Harder to Get Than You'; 1945—'Refer to 1941!'"

Chocolate coated candies, popular cigarette brands and major flavored chicle sticks are being prominently displayed on retailers' counters for the first time in three-and-a-half years. Refrigerators, radios and vacuum cleaners, et al, are being advertised for near-future sales. Nylon and rayon wearing apparel are on the way, and men's white shirts due before the end of September. Ad infinitum.

The wheels of reconversion are turning rapidly, and although true prewar days are still ahead, who could ask nowadays for any more pleasant indication of a return to normalcy than the motorist's ringing order, "FILL 'ER UP!"

## "Communion Sunday" Rites at Amphitheatre

World-wide Communion Sunday will be observed at this hospital on Sunday morning, October 7th, at 1030, in the Amphitheatre.

World-wide Communion Day is observed by practically all Protestant denominations. The churches have made an effort to cut across all the barriers of race and space that there may be a ceaseless 24 hours of Holy Communion.

The regular 0900 Protestant

Communion Service in the chapel will not be held this week. And the World-wide Communion Service will replace the 1030 Divine Worship in the chapel.

Famous last words: "They can't ship me out! I'm indispensable!"

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Sailor: Leave plans never bother me.

Friend: How come?

Sailor: My wife decides where I'll go and my CO decides when.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, E. H. Day, Walter M. Theobald.

Sunday, Oct. 7—World-wide Communion in the Amphitheatre at 1030; Vespers in the Chapel at 1800. Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030. Daily Devotionals—0730.

Service Men's Christian League—(second deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.

Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel) 1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday, Oct. 7—Mass in Auditorium 0630, 0830, 1130. Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630. Confessions before all Masses.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261. Friday (Chapel) 2000.

The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.

## NAVY EDITORS CREED

Getting out this paper is no picnic.

If we print a joke people say we are silly.

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves.

If we don't, we are stuck on our own staff.

If we stick close to the job all day, we ought to be out hunting news.

If we do get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office.

If we don't print contributions, we don't appreciate true genius.

And if we do print them, the paper is filled with junk.

If we make a change in the other fellow's write-up, we are too critical.

If we don't we are sleepy.

Now, like as not, some guy will say we swiped this from some other paper.

We did.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### "What's the Use?"

Aristotle tells us that a wise man is one who observes good order. He puts things and values in their proper place. He distinguishes between means and the end, between tools and the job to be accomplished.

The same wave of materialistic living threatens to sweep America after this war as after the previous one, and in the consequent confusion of thought commits the same error of treating as ends what was meant to be only means.

Many an American seeks wealth as if that were the only goal of his efforts. He builds up industrial empires as if that could bring him happiness merely by its size. He sets up production on a pedestal as if automatically speed and quantity in material output could slake the thirst for the infinite. He strives to impress his next-door neighbor with his success, or more grandiosely struggles to be embalmed in Who's Who as if such a degree of fame would satisfy the ambition of a spiritual nature. He forgets to drink for sociability and conviviality, and drinks to forget his dealings with his neighbor. He turns food not primarily to keep body and soul together, but to attempt to fill the infinite longings of the soul by overstuffing the appetites of the body. Sex is removed from its private place in the home and enshrined publicly where all may gather to worship.

These signs indicate unmistakably that flesh and matter are no longer means to be used, but ends to be enjoyed for their own sake.

In his attainment of such earthly goals the materialist may pause and wonder why he is not happy in his success or to murmur "What's the use?" The use? It's the abuse that leaves nausea in the soul and indigestion in the mind. Creatures have power to give no more than the Creator intended. To try to squeeze more from them brings, instead of added sweetness, the bitter taste of the rind. Abuse sours the flavor of legitimate pleasure and spoils the appetite for normal enjoyment so that, paradoxically, a pleasure-loving people find the least enjoyment. They blunt their power to enjoy. They frantically cling, as to an end, to what they should lightly hold as a means.

Get wise to yourself, America! Don't repeat the mistakes that have doomed nations in the past. Learn the lesson expressed by Francis Thompson in his poem, The Hound of Heaven, "All things betray thee who betrayest Me." And by the Book of Wisdom many centuries earlier. . . .

"I heaped together for myself silver and gold, and the wealth of kings and provinces. . . . Whatsoever my eyes desired, I refused them not; and I withheld not my heart from enjoying every pleasure, and delighting itself in all the things which I had prepared: and esteemed this my portion, to make use of my own labor. And when I turned myself to all the works which my hands had wrought, and to the labors wherein I had labored in vain, I saw in all things vanity and vexation of mind, and that nothing was lasting under the sun." (Wisdom, second chapter.)

CHAPLAIN RICHARD F. REDMAN.



## Our Doctor



Lt. Cmdr. Louis H. Dyke  
MC(S) USNR

A quiet and pleasant person, and a prime favorite with the staff in Laboratory, is Lt. Cmdr. Dyke who helps run that bustling department. A busy man, absorbed in the many facets of his scientific medical work, he nevertheless has time to lend his sympathetic interest to a multiplicity of problems.

### Pathology His Specialty

A native Californian, but not startlingly conscious of the fact, Dr. Dyke took his A.B. at the University of California and his M.D. at the University of Southern California. Extensive study in the field of Pathology led to his certification in that subject by the American Board in 1944.

At the time of his entry into the Navy in March of 1941 Dr. Dyke was Pathologist at the Alameda County Hospital. He saw his first duty at Mare Island where he stayed more than a year before shipping out to the New Hebrides. Here he served at Cub 1 and later at Base 3 as a Pathologist.

Malaria and jaundice were big problems in those early days of the war and Dr. Dyke studied the clinical pathology of these diseases extensively as the marine patients poured in from the Guadalcanal area. Later he was attached to Mob 4 in New Zealand before returning to the United States and duty at Oak Knoll.

Right now, with the arrival of many POWs, Dr. Dyke's interest is more or less centered in the field of Parasitology. Due to the living conditions in the Jap prison camps, a high percentage of various intestinal parasites is found among these men.

Speaking of Pathology as a whole, Dr. Dyke says, "There have

## Miss Sherrill New Oak Leaf Skipper

With this issue, *The Oak Leaf* welcomes as its new editor Lt.(jg) Mary M. Sherrill, Public Information Officer at Oak Knoll. Miss Sherrill succeeds Mrs. Sartorius who has been released from the service.

With *The Oak Leaf* coming under the direction of Miss Sherrill, the services of PhM3c Dorothy Thompson and HA1c Irving Feld, members of the PubInfo Dept., become available to the paper and their names will be added to the staff. PhM3c Trondby Fenstad remains in the capacity of managing editor.

Under the leadership of Lt.(jg) Sherrill, *The Oak Leaf* will continue its drive to bring to Oak Knollers all available services, features, and news.

been a good many advances in the field of Pathology as a result of the war, due to the increase in the relative numbers of diseases that a pathologist has been able to see in service personnel."

Among his other duties, Dr. Dyke has been in charge of the training V12 personnel assigned here until sent on to medical schools.

Now looking forward to an early return to civilian life and practice in the Bay Area, Lt. Cmdr. Dyke is nevertheless grateful for his navy experience.

## Hospital Cracks Down on Chiseling Hack Drivers

Renegade taxicab drivers who have been exploiting hospital personnel by overcharging and by duplicating fares for extra passengers drew the wrath of hospital officials who cracked down on the offending cabbies at the main gate recently.

City ordinances and company regulations prevent the individual taxicab driver from charging more than \$2.50 for a main gate-down-town Oakland trip or more than \$7 for a main gate-San Francisco jaunt. The total fare is the same regardless of the number of riders.

Among hospital personnel who have been victimized are returning POW's.

## Last Corpswaves From Great Lakes School Join Staff

On September 30, 25 WAVES reported to Oak Knoll for duty from the Hospital Corps School at Great Lakes, Ill. They were members of the last class to graduate from the school before it was decommissioned.

Much needed, due to recent discharges of staff personnel, these spick and span and attractive WAVES are accorded a hearty welcome by the whole Oak Knoll family.

In the group were: Roberta A. Atkins, Margaret A. Barnard, Willa B. Bowman, Roberta J. Cowgill, Barbara G. Dearth, Nancy M. Douglass, Virginia G. Erxleben, Ethel D. Hildebrandt, Mary L. Kisser, Anna S. Lindstrom, Lois A. Marschner, Harriett J. Mauldin, Rozella M. Maxfield, Mary L. McDill, Frances R. Millis, Minerva Nagin, Lyle N. Nelson, Pearl M. Norum, Helen S. Price, Milda J. Reinertson, Jean M. Riveness, Edith E. Spencer, Ellen J. Van Paing, Delores A. Vigil, Gladys L. Wallin.

## Alnav Warns Against Post-Discharge Talk

If you're up for discharge, here's something else to think about, according to an Alnav on the security of information after discharge or release:

All personnel are to be impressed with the fact that each discharge or release carries with it certain responsibilities towards maintaining security of information. Personnel who have had access to any codes and ciphers, intelligence material, or classified equipment, must realize that the status, technique and procedures of such remain highly secret in peacetime, and that the disclosure of such information not only endangers the national security but also jeopardizes everything for which this war was fought.

The Alnav warns that the disclosure of such information makes the individual subject to trial under provisions of the Espionage Act of 1917.

## Editor Leaves



Lt.(jg) Joan Cady Sartorius

*The Oak Leaf* lost its editor last week with the discharge to civilian life of Lt.(jg) Joan Cady Sartorius. With her husband, a recently released Coast Guard officer, Mrs. Sartorius left on Monday, October 1 for the east coast.

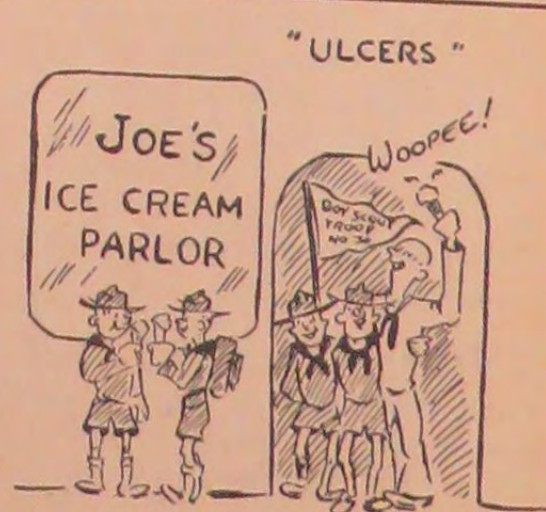
In addition to her collateral duties on *The Oak Leaf*, Lt.(jg) Sartorius was an Educational Services Officer here and played an energetic part in the expanding program of that department. She was in charge of the popular Special Interest Programs which will now be handled by Lt. (jg) Mary Serocca.

With Mrs. Sartorius goes the hospital's best wishes for happiness and success in the civilian world.

## New Red Cross Director In Dramatic Reunion

Miss Marie Adams, new Red Cross Field Director on the Compound and an ex-Japanese prisoner of war, has had the unique experience of meeting ten of her former prison-mates here at Oak Knoll during the past two weeks.

Through *The Oak Leaf* these P.O.W.'s have learned of Miss Adams' whereabouts, and have been wasting no time in looking her up and "talking over old times" at Santa Scholastica Prison during the first four months of the Japanese occupation of Manila. Santa Scholastica was the U. S. Naval Hospital evacuated from Cavite to Manila.





## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Young Pfc., Brave and Lucky, Conquers Severe Wounds

Many of the casualties of this war have been of a freakish nature. Some of the individuals concerned seemed to be blessed with fantastically good luck, while others have been hounded by "gremlins." Every once in a while you hear of a man who has been brave and lucky, in addition to receiving good medical and surgical treatment. One such man, who will soon be leaving for Jacksonville, Fla., in a convalescent status, is Pfc. Norman Francis Folsom, USMCR.

## In Okinawa Clean-Up

Folsom participated in one of the toughest assignments ever given to the Marine Corps, the destruction of Jap forces in the mountainous southern end of Okinawa. On June 11, 1945, as an acting corporal, he was leading a squad of men who had already cleaned up one hill and were attempting to do the same to another. They had almost reached the top of the hill when Folsom noticed a cave near by. He ordered his squad back and pushed forward some 10 yards to investigate.

## Wounded in Abdomen

The cave was occupied. With his M1 in his left hand he got ready to draw the pin of a grenade but as he did so a Nip bullet clipped him on his right thumb and forefinger and entered his abdomen. Though wounded, Folsom continued with his self-appointed task and threw a well-placed grenade. He believes now that he may have evened up the account with the Nip who shot him. But the wound in his side was a serious one and he realized that he had best turn back. When he reached his squad they sensed that he needed care at once.

## Corpsmen Give Plasma

Corpsmen immediately gave Folsom morphine and plasma and carried him off on a stretcher to a battalion dressing station, and thence to a field hospital at Naha. There Folsom was operated upon, for the right half of his colon had been perforated by the fragments of the bullet. The injured part of his bowel was lifted out on his abdominal wall and carefully isolated from the rest of the abdominal contents. Then a catheter was placed in the bowel near where the appendix comes off.

## Transferred to "Solace"

From Naha, Folsom was transported on an LST to the "Solace" on June 13, 1945. The brief notes from the health record written on the "Solace" are of much interest for Folsom's condition was noted to

be "poor," his temperature was 102 and his white blood corpuscles only 6200. He was given plasma, blood, penicillin and fluids by vein, and continuous suction was applied to keep down the distension of his abdomen. He improved on this treatment and was taken to Tinian—the hospital under the command of Capt. F. W. Muller (formerly executive officer here). About six weeks later Folsom was on his way back to the States.

When Folsom arrived on this compound, the right half of his bowel was found to be pretty seriously damaged and he had a drainage colostomy which was giving him trouble. Extensive surgery seemed the only possible method that would put Folsom back on his feet. Under the skilled guidance of Captain Searls and Lieutenant Shidler, Folsom was operated upon August 31 and 10 inches of damaged intestine, including the juncture of the large and small bowel was removed. The cut end of the small intestine was transplanted into a point well away from the damaged area of bowel.

## Operation Takes Four Hours

It only takes a minute to write this, but this is a great deal of operating for one man, and Folsom was on the operating table for almost four hours. Because of the length and difficulty of the operation, Folsom had a post-operative collapse of his left lung. Carbon dioxide and oxygen inhalations were given to make him breathe deeper and to make Folsom cough. He responded well, for after a time he coughed up the mucous plug which was interfering with the aeration of his lung. From that time on it was clear sailing.

Right now, Folsom is getting ready to go to Jacksonville on convalescent leave to be near his family in Chaires, Fla. Folsom swears that he is 20 years old, but he looks much younger and hardly looks like a fighting man. But he was, for he proved himself to be a good marine as well as a rather fortunate one.

Stand up to be seen; speak to be heard; shut up to be appreciated.

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"Do you serve women at this bar?"

"No, you gotta bring your own."

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"Now, Junior, eat your dinner like a sailor."

"OK. Pass the %\$+ #&=\$#%\* chow."

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A bathing beauty is a girl worth wading for.

## Wave Applies Musical Therapy



DOROTHY TRUITT AT THE KEYBOARD ON WARD 43A.

One Wave at Oak Knoll who has turned her talent to good use is HA1c Dorothy Truitt. Twice a week, in concerts arranged by the Red Cross, she spends her spare time playing the piano in wards for the appreciative patients.

Deeply interested in classical music, Dorothy has studied at Music Schools in St. Louis and Kansas City and was well on her way to becoming a concert pianist. Her plans were changed, however,

when romance in the form of a handsome young naval officer entered her life.

Dorothy's husband is now stationed at Pearl Harbor and after they leave the service, they both plan to enroll at Purdue where he has a semester to finish for a chemistry major.

What do the GIs like in the line of good music? *Rhapsody in Blue*, reports Dorothy, is just now the request favorite.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

## To rent...

Six-room house in S. F. Must buy furniture, \$250. MISSION 3808.

## Lost...

Yellow gold Bulova wrist watch, red patent leather strap. Sentimental value. Please return to Nurse in Ward 83B. Reward. J. K. McGuire.

Five prints of snapshot of interior of room. J. Leslie, Patient Personnel Office. Reward.

## Notice...

Laundry work called for and delivered; 5 days' service. Mrs. Jean Jesser, 2666 105th Avenue, TR. 6910.

## Wanted...

Passenger for Iowa after Oct. 10th. Mrs. Ingle, AS. 10495.

## To sell...

Bulova wrist watch, gold case, \$50. Pfc. J. D. Ingebrugtsen, Ward 43A.

Chev. '34 4-dr. New paint, excellent tires, \$350. Don York, Ward 78A.

CPO khaki coat, size 40, \$5. Chief Staal, Ward 81A.

Chief's blues, size 38 coat. 688

Hawley St., Oakland, after 1800

Windsor elec. razor, ex. cond., \$10

Gorman, Barracks 35.

Archery tackle, three bows, 32-40

65-lb. pull, etc., \$50. J. B., Bldg

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possession for \$650 equity of

modern 3-bedroom home, 12

years old. Sell furnished or unfurnished. FHA monthly pay

ments, \$32.50. Hardwood floor

tile bath, inlaid linoleum, fence

lawn, flowers. Near school

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hospital. See Chief Hawk at 28

Cairo Road, near Oakland Air

port, East Oakland.

## Band, Orchestra in SOS For New Musicians

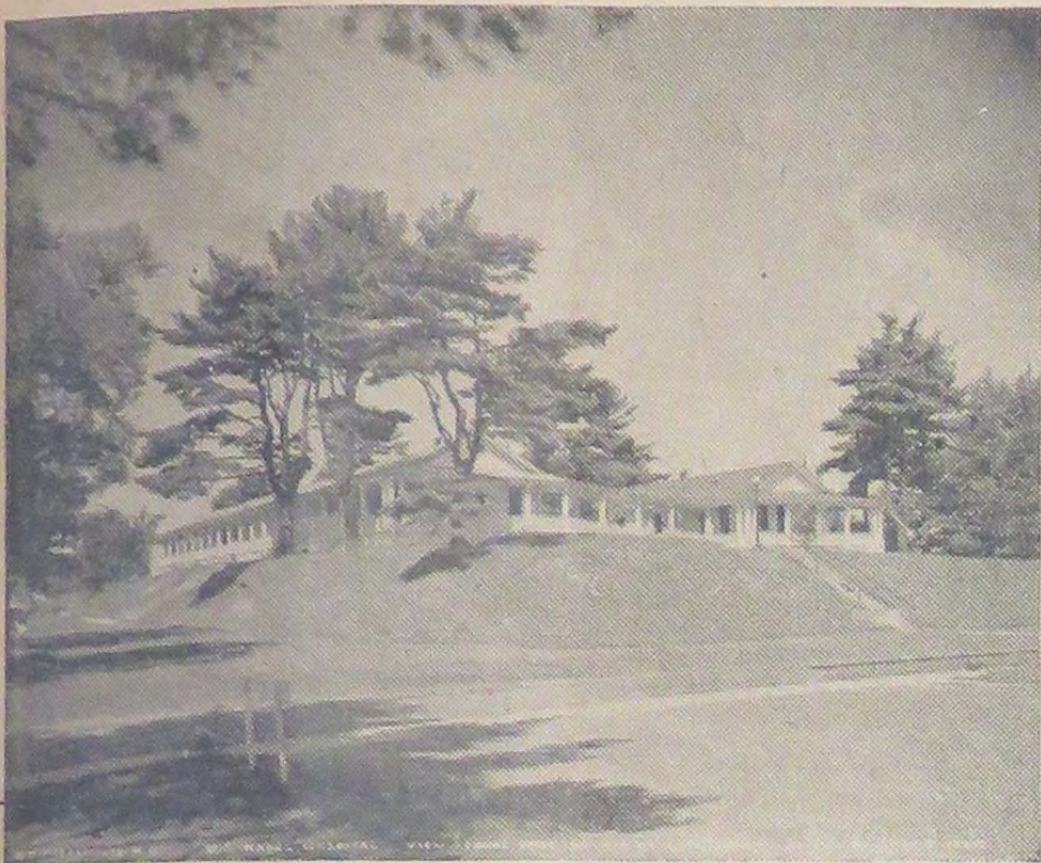
Due to the large number of men having been transferred recently, Oak Knoll's band and orchestra are urgently in need of musicians.

The dance orchestra needs help on the saxophone, trumpet, piano and trombone. The military band needs players on all instruments.

Instruments are furnished. Interested musicians should contact Band Leader Harrington, Welfare and Recreation Department, deck, Ship's Service Building.



# Colonial Tradition at USNH in New Hampshire



THESE ARE PICTURESQUE STAFF QUARTERS.



HOSPITAL'S WARDS ARE SET AMONG PINE TREES.

The man who transfers to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, N. H., is going to find himself becoming interested in naval history—yes, in spite of the fact that he may be longing to forget his own individual part in our Navy's recent history-making episodes, he will be reading plaques that mark some of the more interesting landmarks of the old New England seaport.

### John Paul Jones Lived Here

As he goes ashore on an evening liberty, more than likely he'll stroll by the house where John Paul Jones once lived. At the Navy yard he'll notice the ancient residence of the commandant—David Farragut once lived there. In the building that houses the industrial department of the yard the Treaty of Portsmouth, ending the war between Russia and Japan, was signed in 1905. The yard itself has the distinction of being the first one to be set up after the establishment

of the Navy Department in 1798.

### Adjoins Navy Yard

The hospital, surrounded by a

much more than an administration building, however. It houses operating rooms, the laboratory, physiotherapy department, post office,

auditorium, and the occupational therapy shop.

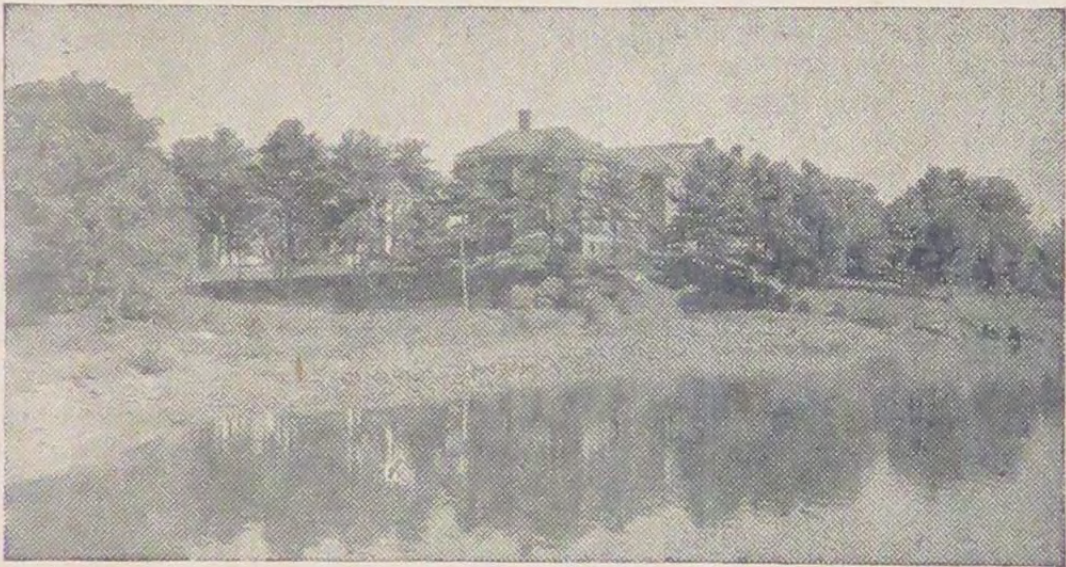
Ambulatory patients go to the adjoining Navy yard to make use of the bowling alleys, recreation hall and gymnasium, and members of the hospital staff frequently compete in baseball and basketball with teams from the Navy yard and from ships in port.

### Many Winter Sports

Winter is the most exciting season for Portsmouth patients who are able to participate in active sports. Nearby the physically-fit can engage in ice skating, skiing, and tobogganing. And near enough for a weekend liberty are the White Mountains, where the heavy snows provide excellent skiing during a great part of the year.

The town of Portsmouth has rather limited facilities for fun on liberty. There are three movie theaters and a thriving U.S.O. But Boston is only 60 miles away and

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USNH PORTSMOUTH, N. H., HAS SEAPORT SETTING.

grove of pines, is located at the edge of the Navy yard. It is like Oak Knoll in that it has a main building with outlying wards, scattered barracks, and auxiliary buildings. The central building is

ship's service store, library, and recreation room.

In outlying buildings are the eye, ear, nose and throat clinic, the outpatient department, classrooms,



AMBULATORY PAY TELEPHONE TRAVELS THE WARDS.



TECHNICIANS POSE FOR PICTURE IN MODERN LAB.



# Noble Men and Rooney Sling Swing



NOBLE LEADS AND ANNE DOES SOME ARISTOCRATIC SENDING.

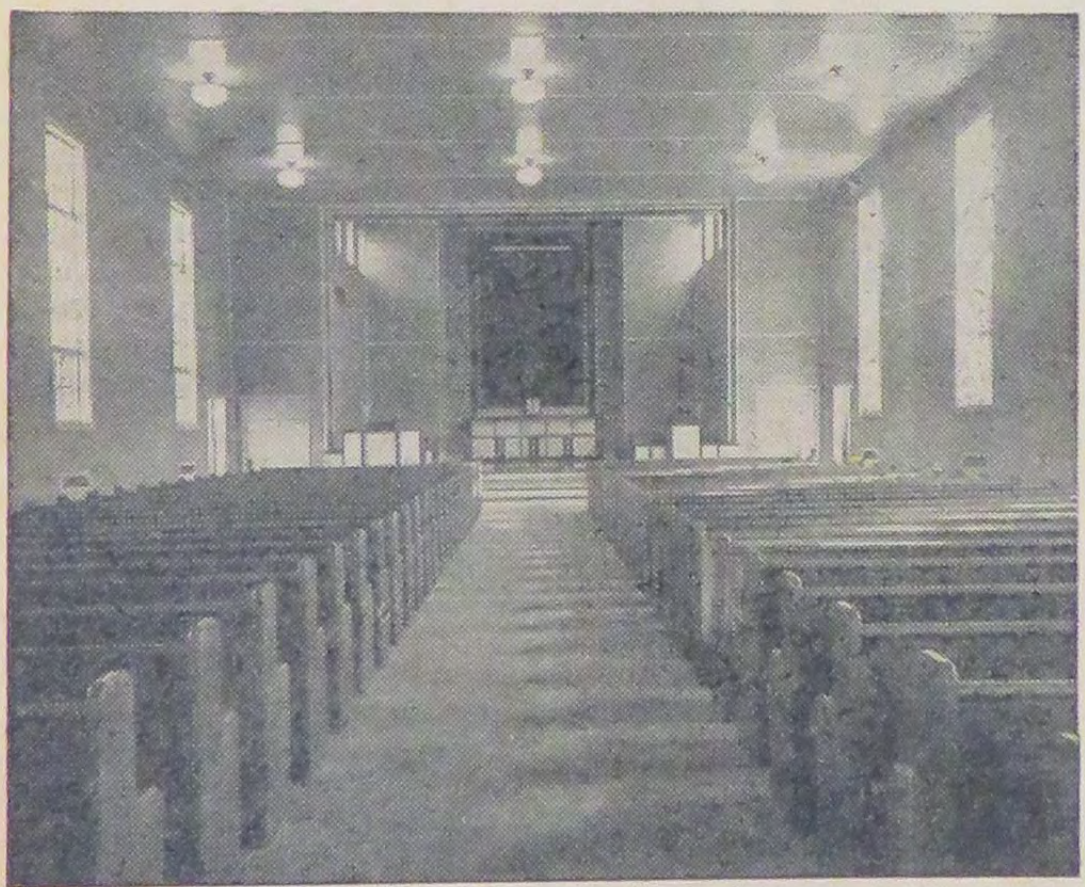
Personable and pleasant Leighton Noble and his equally pleasant music were the attraction at the show given at the amphitheatre on Friday afternoon, September 28. A large and appreciative audience applauded the hour long program and the sweet sending of songstress Anne Rooney.

Popular with the GIs was charming and petite Anne's rendition of many popular ballads of the day and the oldie, "What Do You

Wanna Make Those Eyes For?" Now singing with Noble at the Claremont Hotel, Miss Rooney is a veteran of overseas USO units.

As adept vocally as with the baton Leighton Noble warbled several ditties and shook the pea-filled gourds in some melodic rhumbas.

The show was brought to the compound through the efforts of Lt. Mastin and the Welfare and Recreation Department.



INTERIOR VIEW OF LARGE CHAPEL IN NEW BUILDING.

## New Chapel —

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long been a discomforting inadequacy. The new building's large chapel and two smaller chapels seat a total of 500, compared with the 137 capacity of the first chapel. Also in the new structure are conveniently-appointed office space for the chaplains, a flower room and a storage room.

Progress of the native redwood chapel's construction has been observed by thousands of hospital visitors and patients who passed

the main gate site since ground was broken last May.

### Reconversion Plan for First Chapel

Present plans indicate that the first chapel will be converted to a hospital telephone center that will provide newer and finer communication services for patients.

Chaplains of all faiths join in courteously requesting the presence of all hands at the dedication ceremonies. Invitations have also been extended to many Bay Area prelates and ranking Naval officials.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with free refreshments. Nightly at 8:30, except Monday.  
Geary—"Adam Ate the Apple." Opens Monday, Oct. 8.  
Curran—"Merry-Go-Round." Opens Monday, Oct. 8.

#### Cinema

Fox—"Duffy's Tavern," with Archie and all-star cast.  
Esquire—"Shady Lady," Ginny Simms.

#### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts.  
Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife.  
San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

#### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.  
Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.  
Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.  
Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.  
Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Snew's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.  
Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.  
Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon. 1-5 daily.  
Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Cinema

T & D—"Rhapsody in Blue."  
Fox-Oakland—"Wonder Man," Danny Kaye.

#### Music and Theatre

Municipal Auditorium Theater—"Rebecca," Diana Barrymore, Sun., Oct. 7. Mat. and night.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.  
Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.  
Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).  
Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).  
Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.  
Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.  
St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.  
Jewish Center, 732 14th St.  
U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.  
A.W.V.S. Canteen, 18th St. Station.  
Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).  
Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).  
Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.  
De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.  
Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.  
Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)  
For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.  
Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.  
Tennis Courts—All day.  
Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1561.

### ON THE COMPOUND

#### Cinema (Auditorium)

Sat., Oct. 6—"Government Girl," Olivia de Havilland.  
Sun., Oct. 7—"Man Alive," Pat O'Brien.

Mon., Oct. 8—"Hers to Hold," Deanna Durbin.  
Tues., Oct. 9—"Mildred Pierce," Joan Crawford.  
Wed., Oct. 10—"Crime Doctor's Warning," Warner Baxter.  
Thurs., Oct. 11—"Swinging on a Bow," Jane Frazee.  
Fri., Oct. 12—"Shady Lady," Ginny Simms.  
Sat., Oct. 13—"Missing Corpse," J. Edward Bromberg.

### Visiting Hours

Enlisted, Officer, and Civilian Personnel are permitted visitors from 1300 to 1600 every day and from 1800 to 2030 on Wednesdays. There are no visiting hours on Sunday nights. In the event that a patient is on the critical or serious list, next of kin will be permitted to visit at any time.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alley minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630; Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sundays, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.

Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

#### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).  
0800-0900—Closed.  
0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.  
1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).  
0800-1000—Closed.  
1000-1100—Inspection.  
1100-1200—Staff.  
1200-1300—Officers.  
1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.  
1530-1730—Officers.  
1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.  
1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

### SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Topside Marine Detachment, Room 202C.

For: All officer and enlisted staff and patient personnel.

8 October—Round Table Series with Supplementary Film "News Development," Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed Services).

9 October—Lecture and Discussion, "Retail Appliance Sales," Capt. C. Dismukes, USMCR. (Ed. Serv.)

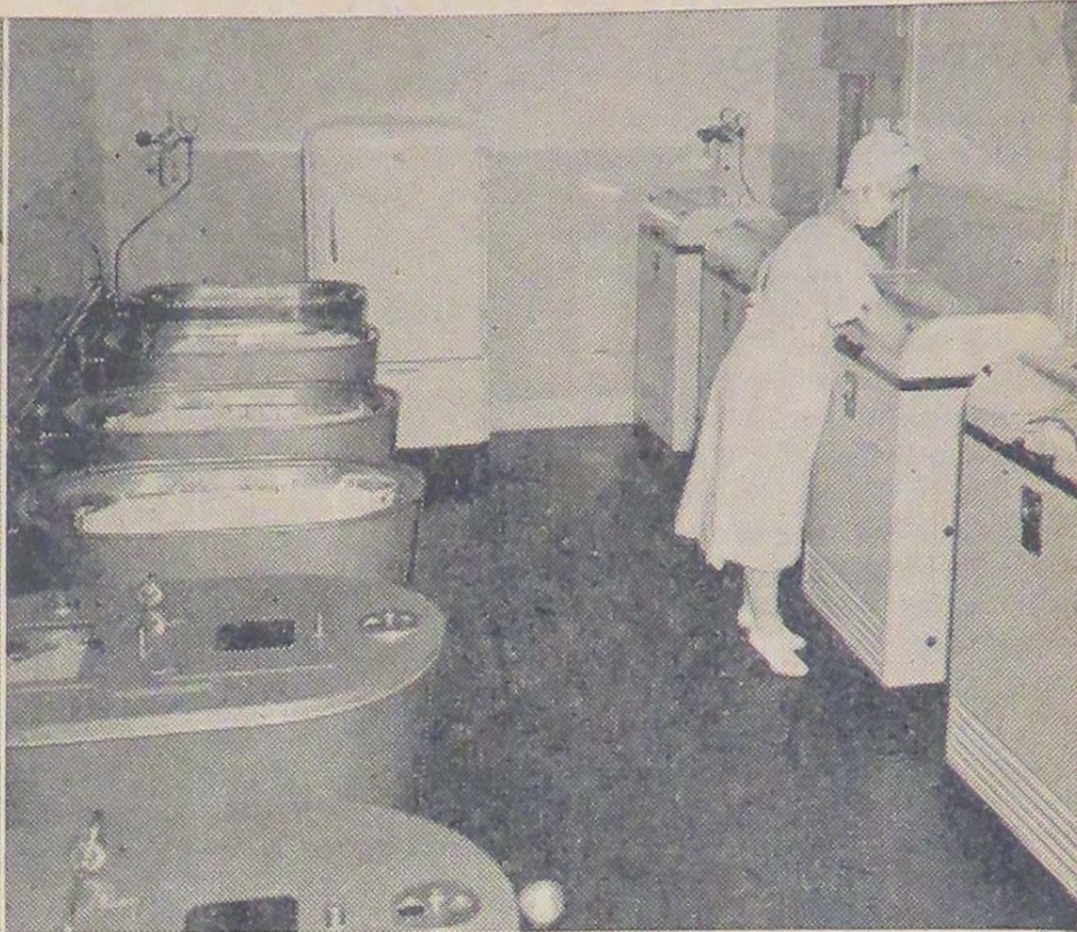
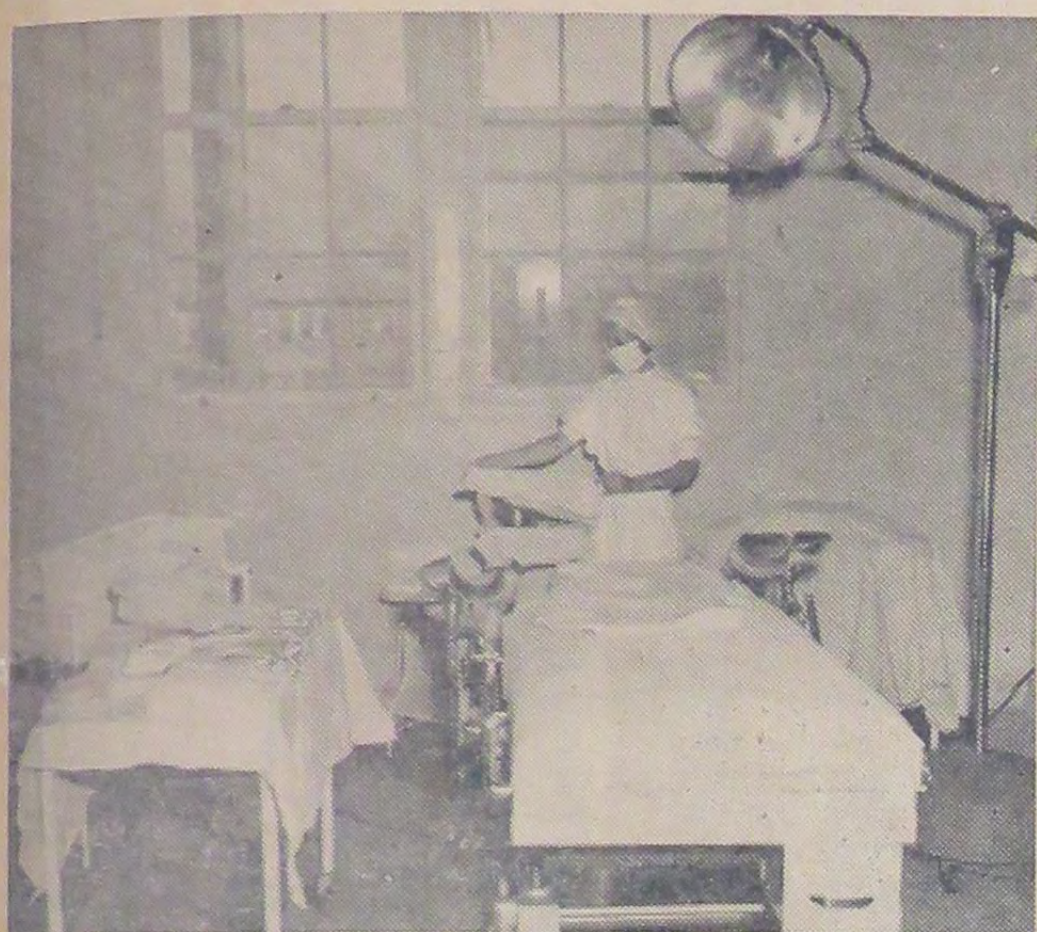
10 October — Round Table Discussion, "Tavern, Bar and Cafe Management," Mr. Charles Tye, Mr. Roy Lester (Sec. Bartenders Union).

11 October—Illustrated Lecture & Discussion: "Postwar Chemical Developments," Dr. T. K. Cleveland (Phil. Quartermaster Co.).

12 October—Lecture & Discussion, "Hotel & Property Management," Mr. Herbert Strachan (Hotel Harrison).



## Life Begins at Oak Knoll for Gobs of Babies Who Are Babies of Gobs



ABOVE, LEFT: AN UP-TO-DATE DELIVERY ROOM; RIGHT: INCUBATORS FOR PREMATURE BABIES. BELOW, LEFT: LIVING QUARTERS FOR A YOUTHFUL POPULATION; RIGHT: JUNIOR GETS SOME ATTENTION.

To say that life begins at Oak Knoll is to put it mildly according to Dr. Edward M. Dorr, Lieutenant Commander (MC) USNR, chief of obstetrics, who has facts and figures to establish the truth of such a statement.

### 4100 Births Here in Two Years

During the past two years 4100 lives have begun here, and for nearly a year, monthly arrivals in the nursery have averaged 200. To date the biggest day on record has marked the arrival of 17 babies, and during the peak month, 245 births were registered.

Of these births 2.5 per cent have been by Caesarean section. Cases with post-partum complications occur very seldom, and the fine care provided for service men's wives coming here for confinement is reflected by the fact that the department has lost only one mother during the two years it has been serving as a fast-moving production line.

### Latest Equipment Available Throughout

The most modern equipment is

used throughout delivery rooms, nurseries, and wards. Facilities now include Wards 73-A and B and 72-A with a total of 90 beds. The four delivery rooms and five nurseries are completely air-conditioned. In the primi nursery are 12 oxygen-regulated incubators where premature babies are cared for until they are "full grown" and ready to go home. Since 154 premature babies were born here last year, this is a very vital part of the out-patient equipment. One isolation and three regular nurseries complete the housing facilities for the youngest patients at Oak Knoll.

### Department Has Full Complement

The Ward Medical Officer is in charge at all times, and three internes assist with delivery and post-partum care. Thirty-four nurses and 47 Waves work on the wards and nurseries on the day shift and 10 nurses and 7 Waves are on night duty. In addition to actual care of patients, other workers serve the department by preparing and sterilizing packs and dressings.

Perhaps the fact that babies are bargains at Oak Knoll is partially responsible for bringing in such a large volume of business. According to Dr. Dorr, the finished product—signed, sealed, and delivered—usually costs about \$17.50. Hospitalization is \$1.75 a day, and the average confinement is 8 to 10 days.

Visits to the pre-natal clinic are made monthly for four months, every three weeks from the fourth to sixth month, once each during the seventh and eighth, and every week during the ninth month. Six hundred patients, each representing one of these stages, appear at the clinic weekly for regular check-up and advice. Add the cost of 13 visits to a civilian obstetrician to the nursery, delivery room, and anesthetist's fees collected at a private hospital. To that total add the cost of a hospital room, and you'll get a figure that's nearer \$170 than \$17.

### A GI Uniform For Tots, Too

Although no visitors are allowed in the nursery, the tiny inmates of

this department have made their presence known around the compound—even as far away as the laundry. Each morning the Oak Knoll diaper supply service delivers 500 neatly folded white squares that are to become three-cornered skivvies before the day is over.

## Portsmouth —

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if one craves the bustle and excitement of a big city, transportation facilities are available. Within a few miles of the hospital are several good bathing beaches, and if the beach to you means a roller-coaster, merry-go-round, or tunnel o' love, there's a miniature Coney Island at Hampton Beach.

Treatment? Yes, the U.S.N.H., Portsmouth, provides it. And it's more than likely that before you've half-finished with your sight-seeing, eating, tobogganing, or whatever it is you are most interested in, the doctors at Portsmouth will have you well.



# The Sporting Scene

## Women's Sports...

Oak Knoll's feminine contingent are really coming out for sports in a big way, according to Lt.(jg) McLaughlin, USNR-W who is in charge of this phase of Welfare and Recreation work.

In the first game of the freshly-hatched Women's Volleyball League consisting of Wave, Cadet and Nurse teams, the Waves won a thriller from the Nurses 33-31. The game was played under the new rules which provide for two timed halves rather than a 21 total for winning.

The Nurses trailed at the half 21 to 8, but in the last half surged up to tie the score in the last minute 31 to 31. At this point the Waves got the serve and put over the winning markers. Captain for the Waves was Gerry Faber, with Lt. Baker heading the Nurse squad. Cadet Captain is Miss Maud Wodin.

### Cage, Bowling Leagues Forming

Now in the process of formation are Women's Basketball and Bowl-

## Off the Bookshelf

New additions to the Writers' Program series of guide books which have recently been added to the Library, include: Arkansas, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, West Virginia, Wisconsin. These are detailed descriptions of the various states; and if you are from one of them or expect to visit one of them, you will find them interesting. The Library also has the guides for California, Oregon, and Washington states. We hope to acquire other state guides later.

Speaking of home, the Library regularly receives newspapers from many localities, which may be found on newspaper racks on the solarium in the Library. The following are included in our subscription list:

Atlanta Constitution, Baltimore Sun, Boston Herald, Chicago Tribune, Christian Science Monitor, Cleveland Plain Dealer, Denver Post, Detroit Free Press, Honolulu Star Bulletin, Houston Chronicle, Los Angeles Times, Louisville Courier-Journal, Minneapolis Star-Journal, New Orleans Times Picayune, New York Herald-Tribune, New York Times, Oakland Post Enquirer, Oakland Tribune, Philadelphia Inquirer, Pittsburgh Press, St. Louis Globe Democrat, San Diego Union, San Francisco Call-Bulletin, San Francisco Chronicle, San Francisco Examiner, San Francisco News, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, Washington Evening Star.

ing Leagues. Basketball play will start on or about October 23 with Bowling scheduled to begin October 25. Medals will be awarded to the members of the winning teams in each league.

## Basketball . . .

Fourteen men were on hand for the initial practice session of the Station Basketball squad on Monday, October 1. With four veterans of last year back and some good new prospects, Coach Picariello expects to be able to put together a championship aggregation. There is still time for other men to try out for positions on the team and they are invited to come out for practice sessions which are held at the Athletic Field on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 1730.

## On the Wards . . .

Softball play in Oak Knoll's newly-formed ward league continues to boom along with ward 61B doing the major part of the battling and a lion's share of the winning.

In a game played on Monday, October 1, 61B edged out 51A in a close game, 3 to 1. All the scoring for the winners was done in the first inning with Baer, Cook, and Ryan crossing the platter. Leach pitched for 61B, allowing 3 hits and 1 walk. Hurling for the losers was Robinson and he gave up only 1 hit but allowed 5 to stroll.

Below is the league standing at the present time:

	W	L
61A & B . . . . .	4	2
60A & B . . . . .	1	0
51B . . . . .	1	2
51A . . . . .	1	3

### Touch Football

Scheduled for Thursday, October 4 was a Touch Football game between the challenging Corpsmen and a Patient team composed of men from wards 51, 60, and 62. Results will be printed in next week's Oak Leaf.

A woman can be awfully sweet when she wants, too.

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Then there was the little red hen who wanted her coop placed in the middle of the highway so she could lay 'em on the line.

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Gold diggers are like insurance policies—they both have a cash surrender value.

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Nervous Sailor: Don't drive so fast around corners it scares hell out of me!

Bus Driver: Do what I do—shut your eyes when we come to a corner.

## Welcome Aboard!

Arriving here last week from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School in San Diego were 39 graduating corpsmen. Best wishes for good duty and rapid advancement go to these men from all Oak Knoll's staff personnel.

Many good ratings will be open in the near future. However, only regular Navy men are eligible to apply for technician schools. Further information may be obtained at the Staff Personnel Office, Administration Building.

Fred Clark Adams, Gerald John Bozzo, George Milo Bradley, Harold Ollen Brixey, Curtis Lee Byrd, Mervin Lowell Dage, Sherman Davis, Jr., Elliot De Lauro, George Paul Drotar, Ramon Brown Duke, George William Eccleston, Coy Bert Edwards, Troy Graves Ewing, Henry Aloys Fehringer, Raymond Peter Flebeau, LeRoy Vincent Gallagher, William Guy Gwynn, Edmund Jefferies Hathaway, Nathan Wallace Holman, Charles Judd Holt, Jr., Marshall Evan Jackson, Dexter Sereno Jinks, Edward Lee Roy Keeton, Norman Lavance Keely, Charles Favor Kurtz, Lash Hymas Laker, Robert Herschal Lynch, Raymond Leslie McGaffey, Robert Gerard McNamara, Maurice Mark Moran, Victor Edwin Murray, Harold Patrick Noonan, Everette Edward Pittman, Jr., Norman Wilbert Polglase, Raymond Keith Pope, Ronald Wright Richmond, Charles Augustus Rowe, Elden Hardy Sanders, Donald Bartley Wheeler.

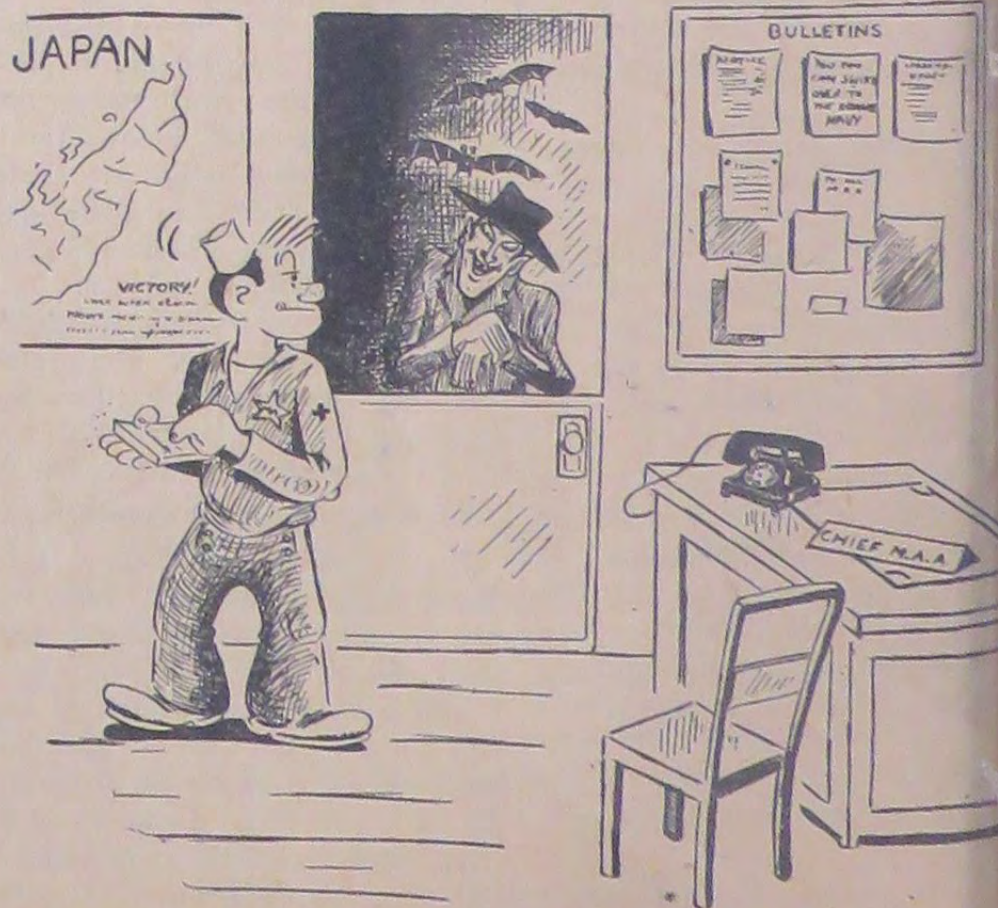
NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., U.S.N.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

Members of the younger generation are alike in many disrespects.

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Termite's nightmare: "I dreamt I dwelt in marble halls."

## MOIPHY . . .



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### Coming:

Lt. (jg) Edward T. Jewett (MC), USNR; Lt. Harry T. Sweeney (DC), USNR; William B. Martin (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Lloyd F. Teter (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Aaron Grollman (MC), USNR; Lt. Frank S. Browne (MC), USNR; Lt. Robert H. Furman (MC), USNR; Lt. Michael V. Murphey (MC), USNR; (jg) Charles L. Davis (MC), USNR; Cmdr. John P. Burkett (MC), USNR; (jg) Willard J. Petway (MC), USNR; (jg) Lucius C. Bailes (MC), USNR; (jg) Casimir E. Fitz (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Paul Michael MC(S), USNR; Lt. James G. Foley (MC), USNR; Lt. Jack Tucker (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) William Freeman (MC), USNR.

### Going:

Lt. Harry W. Tepper (DC), USNR; (jg) Charles W. Burkland (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Jesse T. Nicholson MC(S), USNR; Lt. James Sunseri (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Shirley H. Baron MC(S), USNR; Lt. Joan C. Sartorius, USNR-W; Cmdr. Albert J. Wineland (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) George J. Andros (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) William O. Galeno (MC), USNR; Warrant Officer Paul C. Stanley, USMC; Comm. Warrant Officer Lawrence O. Lang, USMC.

By Penberth





# THE OAK LEAF



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UNITED STATES NAVAL HOSPITAL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Saturday, 13 October, 1945

## First Chapel Rites Sunday

With Rear Admiral C. H. Wright, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, and Capt. A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command here, among those present, Oak Knoll's spacious new Chapel will be dedicated on Sunday, Oct. 14.



Captain Truitt

Distinguished visiting clergymen, representing the Protestant, Catholic and Jewish faiths, will be on hand to assist Chief Chaplain Charles D. Chrisman in the consecration ceremonies.

The Most Reverend Thomas A. Connolly, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, will dedicate the Catholic Chapel at 0830 with the aid of Staff Chaplains L. A. Kelly and R. F. Redman.



Bishop Connolly

At 1000, with Admiral Wright and Captain Dearing in attendance, Capt. R. W. Truitt, 12th Naval District Chaplain, will lead the dedication of the Protestant Chapel with the help of Staff Chaplains Chrisman, Armstrong, Farris, Day, Theobald, Talley and Hale.

The following Friday, October 19, Chaplain Cerf Strauss, assistant to the District Chaplain, will officiate at the Jewish Altar Dedication Service at 2000.

Oak Knoll's inspiring new Chapel, of Colonial design and constructed of native redwood, represents an investment of \$40,000. Functionally, it provides adequate facilities for the hospital's large population.



Chaplain Strauss

Contrasting with the old Chapel's capacity of 137, the new building's large Chapel and two

## Curtain Call Catches Concert Commando And Crew



LEFT TO RIGHT: ROY URSETH, RALINA ZAROVA, JOHN CHARLES THOMAS, DOROTHY EUSTIS AND ROY ATWELL.

## Public Health Service Jobs Open to Corpsmen

Immediate openings for approximately 250 veterans of the Hospital Corps of the Navy and Army were announced by officials of the U. S. Public Health Service this week. The positions are listed as temporary and will last from six months to a year and will entail work at Army separation centers interviewing men whose records show a history of venereal disease. Details on this new program may be obtained directly from the district Public Health Service office or from the Public Health Service liaison officer within the service command.

smaller Chapels will seat a total of 500.

Situated near the main gate, ground was broken May 7, 1945, for this newest addition to the Oak Knoll plant. It measures 170 by 57 feet and its interior appointments are attractive and up to date.

Chaplains of all faiths join in courteously requesting the presence of all hands at the dedication ceremonies.

## John Charles Thomas Show Wins Hospital 'Well Done'

### Roy Atwell, Guest Stars, Score Hit

John Charles Thomas, one of the world's top singers, proved to be a man of infinite charm and jest also in his appearance at the amphitheatre on Thursday morning, October 4th. With his Westinghouse group, he provided an hour of masterful melody, mirth, and musicianship for the entranced GI's.

### Raconteur as Well as Singer

Accompanied by Roy Urseth at the piano, Mr. Thomas opened the program with "Oh, What a Beautiful Morning," followed by "Lindy Lou" and "Tommy Lad." His vigorous, infectious laugh and ability as a raconteur enlivened the proceedings throughout the show.

Miss Dorothy Eustis, a peer to any feminine pianist of today, followed with a gem-like keyboarding of four concert favorites: "Rhapsody in Blue," "The Bee," "Liebestraum," and "Polonaise." This personable pianist rivalled Mr. Thomas in popularity with the audience.

### Atwell Gets Laughs

Scholarly double talk was the forte of diffident Roy Atwell, as it has been for many years on the radio. His plausible grammatical mesalliances evoked gales of laughter.

Miss Ralina Zarova, a Russian nightingale, warbled Spanish and Russian songs, Mr. Thomas gave forth with the indomitable "Invictus," and then they teamed up to sing "Sweethearts," and bring the program to a satisfactory conclusion.



MR. THOMAS AND MISS ZAROVA FORM A TUNEFUL DUET.

## HC Vets Form Organization

An organization composed of past and present members of the Hospital Corps was established here on 25 September when approximately 50 veterans of the Hospital Corps in an organizing caucus approved a Constitution and by-laws presented by a previously appointed committee.

The organization has been named and chartered in the District of Columbia as the National Association, Veterans of the Hospital Corps, abbreviated NAV-HC, and the Ancaducros instituted as the official insignia.

The Constitution and By-Laws provide for 1,000 charter members and for field membership of any Hospital Corps veterans of a war, campaign or occupation for which a ribbon is issued, who has had 90 or more days of active service and holds or is entitled to an honorable discharge. Offices have been established at 1705 M St., NW, Washington, DC, and further information may be obtained there.



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## • The Rainbow Dissected

A fifteen-year-old said to us recently: "Everything moves so fast I'm tired in my head before I've even begun to live. What future is there, anyway? I'll always be in a whirl trying to keep up with the machines and understand newer and more wonderful discoveries. I'll have no time to be happy and leisurely, and what I might like to do won't seem important at all. I wish people hadn't discovered so much!"

This is the groping of an intelligent child trying to say that our characters have not kept pace with our material progress; observing how the richest man in town dies of heart failure at fifty, and so was not really rich; and how another who had spent his life building security for his wife and children, suddenly commits suicide, and so had built no security at all. Lin Yutang, being far more than fifteen years old, and with the wisdom of two cultures deep in his experience, puts it this way (though we apologize for the excerpts. He should be read in toto):

"And man has become an atom in a whirling machine, made from the star dust of some exploded universe. . . . The rainbow has been successfully dissected, the childhood wonder and fancy have gone, and the world has grown gray with us." But he doubts that the wonder is all gone. "It is as much the scientist's business to inquire about man's faith as it is the preacher's to inquire about science, for both are merely searching for some meaning in life, some sustaining faith. The restitution of the values of human life is the first job of modern man's intelligence."\*

(\*From chapters 20 and 21, Between Tears and Laughter.)

## Welcome to Oak Knoll, Shipmates!

Forty newly-graduated hospital corpsmen arrived here last Saturday from the Corps School in San Diego. To these men goes Oak Knoll's best wishes for good duty and rapid advancement while stationed here.

Many good ratings will be open in the near future. However, only regular Navy men are eligible to apply for further training in technician schools. Further information may be obtained at the Staff Personnel Office, Administration Building.

A list of the men who arrived in this most recent draft follows:

Robert Wood Allen, Harry Mack Alworth, Robert Edward Baker, Richard Avann Bronson, W. T. Dawson, Max Henry Decker, Warren Henry Dedow, William Francis Divinski, Jr., Theodore Kay Friedt, Frank Edward Glasa, Jr., John Joseph Gorman, Richard Milton Harris, Edward Robert Hearn, Thomas William Hines, James Owen Jeltema, Nels Irwin Johnson, Howard Luther Kleffman,

Robert Lucius Knaus, Leonard John Lewandowski, Reuben Boyd Lichti, James Allan Machin, Jr., Evan Hugh Mahl, Abraham Mansour, Robert Ernest Ohle, John Robert Ozier, Joseph Christopher Pereno, Ralph Ray Reed, Glen Otto Retke, Roger Rosario Robichaud, Allan Harold Rockwell, Bernard Joseph Romani, Jr., James Ralph Sagebiel, Edward Sereda, Donald Rea Scofield, Lee Otis Shadle, Gerald Doughty Shea, James Weldon Spivey, Grae Burnett Story, Elmer Leonard Waits, Jr., Reinhart John Wessing.

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
 Ch. Pharm., USN.,  
 Staff Personnel Officer.

There was an angry yelp from the bathroom.

Bride: What's the matter, dear?

Hubby: My razor blade is dull. It won't cut at all.

Bride: Why, that's silly. Your whiskers can't possibly be more tough than my lead pencil.

## WHERE YOU STAND ON ROAD HOME

By Ships' Editorial Association

Here's how you stand toward discharge. The chart indicates your approximate standing under the point system relative to others in the Navy as of 1 October. By Christmas 764,000 enlisted male personnel and 75,000 male officers are scheduled to be separated from the naval service. Thereafter the monthly separation rate will average approximately 25,000 officers and 257,300 enlisted men from January to July inclusive as a result of the periodic lowering of the critical score. The Navy hopes to reach its peacetime complement of 500,000 enlisted men and 58,000 officers by 1 Sept. 1946. The columns below show the numbers of officers and enlisted men, respectively, who will have the points shown opposite on 1 October.

Points 1 October	Officers Having Points Shown	Enlisted Men With Points Shown	Points 1 October	Officers Having Points Shown	Enlisted Men With Points Shown
49 or more	91,401		32.5	229,998	1,699,382
48.5	95,957		32	232,296	1,748,105
48	100,555		31.5	234,413	1,792,290
47.5	105,189		31	236,278	1,835,673
47	109,922		30.5	237,910	1,878,991
46.5	114,686		30	239,358	1,932,271
46	119,489		29.5	240,645	1,957,015
45.5	124,310		29	241,872	1,993,431
45	129,135		28.5	242,980	2,030,046
44.5	133,906		28	243,937	2,066,692
44	138,645	732,671	27.5	244,871	2,101,265
43.5	143,339	704,825	27	245,635	2,137,589
43	148,059	750,530	26.5	246,286	2,173,345
42.5	152,775	797,357	26	246,921	2,210,238
42	157,523	845,370	25.5	248,019	2,231,979
41.5	162,228	892,933	25	249,068	2,254,007
41	166,856	939,383	24.5	250,091	2,276,451
40.5	171,421	987,541	24	251,092	2,299,032
40	175,902	1,030,241	23.5	252,074	2,325,420
39.5	180,307	1,074,675	23	253,032	2,357,683
39	184,659	1,118,101	22.5	253,951	2,388,324
38.5	188,991	1,163,749	22	254,833	2,419,053
38	193,244	1,209,833	21.5	255,684	2,444,500
37.5	197,382	1,256,127	21	256,495	2,469,733
37	201,412	1,306,481	20.5	257,266	2,494,826
36.5	205,296	1,355,823	20	258,008	2,517,481
36	208,963	1,405,504	19.5	258,723	2,537,210
35.5	212,438	1,454,139	19		2,556,289
35	215,736	1,489,659	18.5		2,572,553
34.5	218,878	1,525,869	18		2,586,173
34	221,887	1,562,166	17.5		2,598,142
33.5	224,769	1,603,644	17		2,608,473
33	227,498	1,651,988	16.5		2,617,309

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

Think! What astounding progress results when men think. Yet and what chaos follows when men think wrongly. How often we resort to the plaintiff refrain, "I didn't think." Often an idea or plan backfires. Chaos is not a result of the lack of thinking so much as it is not thinking far enough or thinking wrong thoughts.

Within man there is the capacity to think God's own thoughts and know Him. The urge for the Light is strong within man. He wants to know the truth. God created this divine thirst within man. It is a thirst for God. "As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after Thee, O God." The tragedy of man is that this divine thirst often goes astray and man tries to satisfy it by gaining great power and wealth by seeking pleasure as an end; by resorting to drink or giving over to the sex drive. Peace of soul and mind only comes by acknowledging God and living in harmony with Him.

Think! "For as a man thinketh in his heart so is he." "Out of the heart comes all the issues of life." Our deeds are the direct or indirect results of our thinking. In every decision man casts the final vote.

Many disastrous things happen to us, not because we didn't think, but because we didn't think far enough. The story in Luke of the Prodigal Son illustrates what happened to a boy who didn't follow his thoughts out to their logical conclusion. His inheritance gambled away, his friends gone, forced to feed swine. He then came to himself and went back home to his father and found that everything he had needed was provided by his father because he loved his wandering boy.

Think! Are you out of fellowship with God? Do you know His Father and do you know His Son as friend and savior and master of your life? Are you unhappy? Discouraged, tempted? Are you starved for love and affection? Think, believe, repent, worship, love and obey Him. "If there be any virtue and if there be any praise think on these things."

CHAPLAIN EDGAR A. DAWSON

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, E. H. Day, Walter M. Theobald.  
 Sunday, Oct. 7—World-wide Communion in the Amphitheatre at 1030; Vespers in the Chapel at 1800.  
 Ward Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
 Daily Devotionals—0730.  
 Service Men's Christian League—(second deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
 Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel) 1800.  
 Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

All day Thursday, Chaplain E. F. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
 Sunday, Oct. 7—Mass in Auditorium 0630, 0830, 1130.  
 Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
 Confessions before all Masses.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 260.  
 Friday (Chapel) 2000.  
 The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



## Our Doctor



Lt. Bruce L. Canaga, Jr.  
(MC), USN.

Dr. Canaga, despite his comparative youth, is no newcomer to Navy life. A product of a regular Navy family, he was born in Honolulu, started school in Brazil, and in early life followed the pattern set by his father, who is a line captain.

### Is a Regular

It was a life that appealed to Dr. Canaga, a fact amply demonstrated by his career. After taking his B.S. at the University of California he enrolled at the University of Washington School of Medicine in St. Louis, where he pursued his medical studies in addition to holding a reserve line commission in the Navy on inactive duty. With the outbreak of the war, he promptly switched to the regular Medical Corps and went as an interne to the San Diego Naval Hospital on July 4, 1941.

### Sea Duty Ashore

"Sea duty" began for Lt. Canaga aboard the battleship USS California, which was one of the ships damaged at Pearl Harbor. For 15 months, Dr. Canaga ruefully admits, he served aboard this ship while she lay in drydock at Bremerton. Later, however, he did take to the water with the California and served aboard her during the Marianas campaign.

### Studied Under Capt. Snell

Assigned to Oak Knoll for a course of instruction in Internal Medicine, Dr. Canaga came here in September of 1944 to study under the direction of Captain Snell, who is a nationally known authority on that subject. When this course ended in February of this year, he took up his duties as Medical Officer on a general medical ward.

### Is Survey Officer Here

Now acting as Medical Survey Officer at Oak Knoll, he doesn't have a great deal to do with medicine but professes to enjoy the work. "It's a madhouse," he admits, "but good duty." Around 700 it's a month, bound for duty or civilian life, pass through his office. They are all personally seen by him and he acts as recorder on the

## Style Wins Bout, Bell Bottoms Out

According to a recent United Press release, the Navy's post-war plans include a streamlined uniform.

Chairman Carl Vinson, D., Ga., of the House Naval Affairs Committee, revealed recently that the Navy was bidding goodbye to its old-fashioned bell bottom trousers, source of many a salty ditty, and its traditional square-necked jumpers.

As soon as the present supply is exhausted, probably in the spring, Navy men will blossom out in some form of new, better-fitting and neater uniform, now being planned by a special Navy board, which is getting advice from interested congressmen.

Naval officers said a number of designs had been prepared, but refused to give any clues as to their color or cut.

three-man Survey Board when it convenes.

Meeting the service public in such large and continuous quantities has not soured Dr. Canaga's outlook. He remains an alert and genial officer, with a keen interest in the problems of individuals. Like other pipe-smoking officers this reporter has interviewed, he asks as many questions as he answers and ends up with approximately as much information as does his interrogator.

The future? Lt. Canaga will stay in the Navy and looks forward to further training in his specialty—Internal Medicine. Married, he makes his home in Berkeley, where

## Naval Reserve to Play Active Post-War Role

The following information is for all personnel of the Naval Reserve and personnel of the regular Navy who are terminating their service: there will be a post-war Naval Reserve organization, in which you will be able to serve your country.

It is contemplated that the post-war Naval Reserve will provide the opportunity for officers and men to keep abreast of the newest developments in their branch of the Navy, that a certain number will be paid for participation in drills and that an annual training cruise or period of active duty will be elective.

It is impossible to give definite information until legislation is completed; detailed information will be published as soon as available. Your skill and experience are needed to form a strong and vital Naval Reserve organization.

## And When You Get Out, See Your Draft Board

All men receiving discharges must notify their Selective Service board within 10 days after they are discharged. This can be done in person, by letter or card, or by any other draft board which a dischargee contacts. This allows the draft board to complete its records on a man's service in the Navy.

he gardens and helps Mrs. Canaga in the job of rearing their first child.

## A Soft Peace?



The Howard family were guests of Oak Knoll last weekend.

Edward Neal Howard, water tender, second class, USN, was a patient on Ward 47B. The 25-year-old ex-POW found little time for sleeping, although his plane had arrived in the early morning hours. He was dutifully concerned with the welfare of Chris, 5, and Helen, 4, his son and daughter. Conversely, they had plenty of time for sleeping. There is no Mrs. Howard.

There was a Mrs. Howard, who remained on her native Guam to sustain life for the two children while the conquering Japanese held her husband in internment near Kobe. But the avaricious enemy executed her in retaliation—a few days before American troops retook Guam in July, 1944. The children were cared for by their grandparents until their father was released by American troops. Returning to America through Guam, Howard discovered his wife's fate, his first word in nearly four years.

When the children have caught up on their Stateside sleep, Howard will journey with them to southern California. That will probably mark the end of the youngsters' traveling for awhile. Their father's parents will make a home for them there.

What is Howard himself going to do?

He is going back to sea and, maybe, to Guam.

"My husband talks in his sleep. Does yours?"

"No, he's terribly annoying. He just chuckles."

\* \* \*

Father: Son, when George Washington was your age he was already a surveyor.

Son: I know, Dad, and when he was your age, he was President.

\* \* \*

Eat, drink and be merry—and tomorrow you'll wish you were dead.

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Don't leave . . . There's a girl for everybody!"



## CASE OF THE WEEK

# Letters From Former Staff Doctors Bare 'Inside Japan'

First hand information on the conditions under which POW's existed in Japanese prison camps and details concerning their care en route here have been received recently from two well-known and popular former Oak Knoll medical officers.

## Now on Hospital Ships

They are Capt. Hubert H. Carroll, formerly executive officer here, and Lt. Maurice Sokolow, who headed the Electro-Cardiograph Department on Ward 61B. In letters to Captain Snell they give not only interesting data but trained medical observation.

Captain Carroll, now senior Medical Officer aboard the USS Rescue, writes from Kamaishi, Japan:

## Work Off Honshu

"We are up here getting about 700 repatriates out that couldn't very well be gotten down to the Sendai area by train or truck. We anchored here this morning, and when we work this bunch over, our job in Honshu will be completed.

"We took out about 3,000 in the Sendai area and 2,700 from the Nagoya area, which is 150 miles southwest of Tokyo. . . . They come aboard via LSM's or LCV's and we strip them, bathe, spray with DDT, outfit them with new clothes, make a "quickie" physical exam to determine whether they are hospital cases. If so, they remain aboard, if not, they go to one of the APD's that operate with us and take an express trip to Tokyo for further transfer to the U. S. . . .

## A "Go-Getting" Ship

"We are trying to do what clinical work we can on them so you men at Oak Knoll won't have so much to do! When we get a boatload of patients we go to Yokohama and unload and go out for more. We are a real, go-getting, working ship. . . .

"As days go on, our prisoners look better and better—they have been eating good ration since August 15. The first bunch that they got out of a hospital near Yokohama on the 30th were really in bad shape. . . . One case of severe beri beri died an hour after getting aboard the Benevolence. . . . They had lots of severe beri beri, far advanced tb, and severe malnutrition. . . . One queer thing is the fact that many of them started getting edema as soon as they got on K rations and got something to eat. . . . They started to swell up around the joints, and felt generally bum and lousy, whereas while starved they had been work-

ing every day and felt better than when they started to eat. . . ."

## Lt. Sokoiew Writes From Okinawa

Lt. Sokolow, now aboard the USS Tranquility, writes from Okinawa:

"We just arrived with 1,140 liberated prisoners of war that we evacuated from Wakayama, Japan, a few days ago. . . . The POW's arrived about noon and we worked all night processing them—delousing, complete exams, war criminal affidavits, etc. We had British and Australians from Singapore and Hong Kong, Dutch from Java, Americans from Guam and Bataan, including a number who survived the death march. . . . We have five prisoner doctors who had to treat the men with practically no supplies, although the Nips had plenty of Red Cross medical supplies they wouldn't give. . . .

## Edema Prevalent

"Practically all our patients have beri beri—mostly mixed—with edema, fatigue, heaviness of the legs, difficulty in climbing stairs, inability to stand on one foot, and frequently decreased reflexes. . . . The skin was A deficient but not markedly so. There was no scurvy or pellagra, although many gave histories of both. Interestingly, many had sore mouths and tongues at first in camp, but this gradually subsided and did not recur. . . .

"In the camps in Japan, the rice was unpolished, which saved many. The average daily ration was 600-800 gms. rice daily, plus a watery soup of the top leaves of the potato, and a little sweet potato once every month or so. . . . No meat or fish, and rarely an orange. . . .

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. (jg) Perry Futterman (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Lee Harrington, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. William E. Walston (DC), USNR; 1st Lt. William M. Hill, USMCR; Lt. (jg) Norborn B. McCorvey (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Paul P. Pickering (MC), USNR; Cmdr. (jg) Cecil S. Franks (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Edwin M. Taylor (MC), USNR; Cmdr. John D. Camp (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Titus M. Hale ChC, USNR; Lt. (jg) Byron G. Douglas (DC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Keith Aull (MC), USNR; Lt. Harry J. Blumenfeld (DC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Jos. O. Talley ChC, USNR; Lt. Oscar Plunket, Jr. (SC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Henry G. Williams (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Ted J. Porter (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Frank G. Vieira (MC), USNR; Lt. Maynard R. Gustafson (MC), USNR; Lt. Espie B. Bramlett (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Joseph B. Josephson MC(S), USNR.

### Going

Lt. (jg) Harriet E. Port H(W), USNR; Lt. Alton P. Shirey (DC), USNR; Pharm. Chester M. Belt (HC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Herbert V. Davis (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Lucius C. Bailes (MC), USNR; Pharm. Collin C. McRae (MC), USNR; Pharm. James K. Singleton (HC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Wendell H. Humphrey (MC), USNR.

## Library Now Has Cart-Garage



LIBRARIANS BARBARA MATTHIAS, EVELYN PEAT AND PATRICIA GASPAR POSE WITH THEIR BOOK CARTS IN THE NEW ANNEX.

The Library workroom, now so indispensable that the librarians wonder how they managed before without it, was added recently almost two years after the rest of the Library was finished. Its two most important uses are for activities carried on in cooperation with the rehabilitation program and as a center of magazine distribution. In addition, it is used for storage and as a "garage" for book carts when the latter are not out on the wards taking books to bed patients.

The patients assigned to the Library by the rehabilitation program mend and re-back books and shellac books in the workroom, where the backs of the books are also lettered. Magazines which are loaned several times, such as

Popular Mechanics, Popular Science, Esquire, Popular Photography, Outdoor Life, Field and Stream, and Model Airplane News are reinforced by the patients. Another patient types pockets and cards for these magazines, after which they are again sent back to the workroom to have the pockets pasted in. Patients who like simple handicraft, are urged to request work in the Library.

Most magazines however, are distributed directly to the wards and circulated from man to man without a record of individual borrowers. This is done by sending twenty-five to thirty magazines at regular intervals to each of the seventy-five wards, and by distributing magazines from the book carts as they go through the wards. The Library receives regularly over 1300 magazines by subscription, of which about a thousand are gifts of friends of the hospital. In addition, the postoffice supplies the Library with at least a thousand new, usable magazines, each month. Patients divide the magazines to be distributed into packages for the wards, tie them and deliver them to the wards. The magazines in the accompanying picture are ready for distribution to the wards.

When not in use or when packed ready to go to the wards, the book carts are kept in the workroom, as shown by the accompanying picture.



MISS BAKER, HEAD LIBRARIAN, SHOWN AT WORK AMONG THE FLOOR OF MAGAZINES.

## Warn Car Buyers About Unscrupulous Dealers

Service men and veterans are warned against buying automobiles or trucks without first checking the legal ceiling price with the OPA. Certain unscrupulous dealers and individuals are using illegal methods to raise the prices of automobiles and trucks above the legal ceilings.

It is against the law for a dealer to force you to buy a car on time payments when you are willing to pay cash. It is against the law for a dealer to force you to trade in another car as a condition of sale. It is against the law for a dealer or individual to charge you over the ceiling price for a car or truck or any "extras" such as radios or heaters.

Call your local OPA Price Board for information on the legal ceiling price on any make or model car. If you have been overcharged you may sue the seller for three times the amount of the overcharge. The OPA will help you collect.



# Rehabilitation Keynote at USNH, Mare Island



Above: Two views of the spacious, well-kept grounds which characterize this permanent West Coast Naval Hospital. Below, left: An informal dance with local girls provides both therapy and rehabilitation for these wounded vets. Right: The five-cent Ferry provides transportation to Vallejo.

Most important of nearby U. S. Naval Hospital, Mare Island's service is its excellent rehabilitation program for amputation cases. Designated the West Coast Center for this work in 1943, the hospital has started hundreds of seriously handicapped men on the way to normal living.

## Learn Use of New Limbs

The physio and occupational therapy departments are largely responsible for developing skills and building morale. While men are gaining confidence in their abilities, they are being fitted with artificial limbs made on the compound by skilled workmen, and by the time they are ready to leave the hospital they have learned to use their new limbs effectively.

Another specialty at Mare Island is evaluation and treatment of neuro-psychiatric disabilities. This work is done at the Napa annex to the hospital. General medical and surgical cases are also handled at the Navy's oldest Pacific Coast hospital.

The Navy yard and hospital across the bay have a history that

dates back farther than the Civil War. The island was selected as the most ideal Bay Area site for this purpose in 1853 and purchased for \$83,491. That year a single dry dock was sent out from the East and assembled. One year later Commander David G. Farragut took command of the island and became the Navy yard's first commandant. With his arrival came the sloop of war Warren. It was moored as a storeship, and on her gun deck a dispensary was set up. Weather conditions soon forced the medical officer to request the building of a temporary hospital ashore.

In 1870 a new and permanent structure was erected, only to be condemned a few years later because of earthquake damage. The present hospital was started in 1898 and at the outbreak of World War I, its capacity was 212 beds. In 1942 the Napa annex was added, and at the time of Pearl Harbor the patient load was 486. Today new buildings and double-bunking make it possible to stretch the patient roster to include 1545 patients.

## Has All Recreation Facilities

Recreational facilities at Mare Island are numerous. A new theater with two shows each evening has been built with amputees in mind, a special section having been constructed to accommodate wheel chair and stretcher patients. A spacious swimming pool, billiard rooms, and bowling alley, as well as a large, well-equipped gymnasium, keep the most active patients busy. A library and lounge are provided for those who prefer peace and quiet.

Off-the-compound opportunities for recreation are much the same as those afforded Oak Knoll patients, since liberty nights can be spent in San Francisco. Among the resorts easily accessible to patients are Russian River and Boyes Springs, both of which can be reached by Navy bus in an hour. Many patients have enjoyed the hospitality of families in Walnut Creek, and men who wish to accept invitations that mean fun, relaxation, home-cooked food, and friendly people, may obtain special liberty at any time.

## Vallejo Is Near By

Vallejo is a 10-minute ride away, and from there a network of bus routes spreads in every direction the patient may wish to travel.

A beautiful, restful place to relax and recover, the islanders sometimes feel that their station is ill-named. Some of them have conducted considerable research to determine why they are on Mare Island. The most generally accepted story is this: In the early days a crude ferry boat made of oil barrels obtained from whaling ships and propelled by sails and oars was used to transport livestock across the bay. One day while the awkward craft was coming from Martinez to Benicia, a sudden squall blew up and soon upset the boat, dumping its cargo into the bay. Some of the livestock drowned; some managed to swim ashore. An old white mare, owned and greatly prized by General Vallejo, succeeded in making a landing on this island and was rescued a few days later by the Spanish-California general. Immediately the island, nameless up to this time, became Mare Island.



## Father and Son Are Medics Here



Comdr. William K. Livingston MC(S), USNR, Chief of Neuro-Surgical Service, and his son, Lt. (jg) Kenneth E. Livingston (MC), USNR, form a notable and unusual team here at Oak Knoll. One of the few father-and-son combinations in the service, these competent neurosurgeons work with nerve injury cases on the "fifty" wards.

## Satisfaction Guaranteed Or Your Civvies Back

(SEA).—With President Truman's authorization, SecNav has given an "unequivocal guarantee" that a reserve or temporary USN officer who transfers to the regular Navy and then finds he does not want to stay in may resign on or before 1 Jan. 1947.

Declaring the Navy is not pressing officers to make an immediate choice, SecNav pointed out that a reserve officer who goes on inactive duty still may apply for transfer to the regular Navy within six months after his release.

The options also apply to Marine officers.

## Age Limit Raised for Regular Navy Nurses

Present members of the Naval Reserve of the Nurse Corps who began their present tour of active duty before their thirty-eighth (38th) birthday may apply for transfer to the Regular Nurse Corps, according to a recent Navy Department announcement. This hikes the age limitation from the previous high figure of 28 years.

Pretty Salesgirl: Could I interest you in a bathing costume, sir?

Man: You certainly could, but my wife is over there at the glove counter.

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with free refreshments. Nightly at 8:30, except Monday.

Geary—"Adam Ate the Apple." Opens Monday, Oct. 8.

Curran—"Merry-Go-Round." Opens Monday, Oct. 8.

#### Cinema

Fox—"Duffy's Tavern," with Archie and all-star cast.

#### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts. Simson African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife. San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

#### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.

Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.

Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.

Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.

Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.

Snow's Museum—274 19th St. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.

Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.

Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.

Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Cinema

T & D—"Rhapsody in Blue." Fox-Oakland—"Wonder Man," Danny Kaye.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St.

Victory Service Center, 226 14th St.

Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, check-in).

Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).

Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.

Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.

St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.

Jewish Center, 732 14th St.

U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.

A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.

Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).

Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).

Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.

De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.

Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.

Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night).

For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.

Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Tennis Courts—All day.

Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1561.

### ON THE COMPOUND

#### (Cinema Auditorium)

Sat., Oct. 13—"Missing Corpse," J. Edward Bromberg.

Sun., Oct. 14—"That Night With You," Franchot Tone, Susanna Foster.

Mon., Oct. 15—"When Strangers Marry," Dean Jagger.

Tues., Oct. 16—"The Dolly Sisters," Betty Grable.

Wed., Oct. 17—"Strange Confession," Brenda Joyce.

Thurs., Oct. 18—"Girl of the Limberlost," Dorind Clifton, Warren Mills.

Fri., Oct. 19—"Abbott and Costello in Hollywood."

Sat., Oct. 20—"See My Lawyer," Olin and Johnson.

Horseback Riding is offered every day the week, weather permitting, rates being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys 15 minutes before the scheduled time of riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1630; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630; Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sunday, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.

Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### BUS SCHEDULE

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

#### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).

0800-0900—Closed.

0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.

1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.

1200-1300—Officers.

1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.

1530-1730—Officers.

1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).

0800-1000—Closed.

1000-1100—Inspection.

1100-1200—Staff.

1200-1300—Officers.

1300-1530—Rehabilitation Program.

1530-1730—Officers.

1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.

1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

### SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202c. Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted staff and patient personnel.

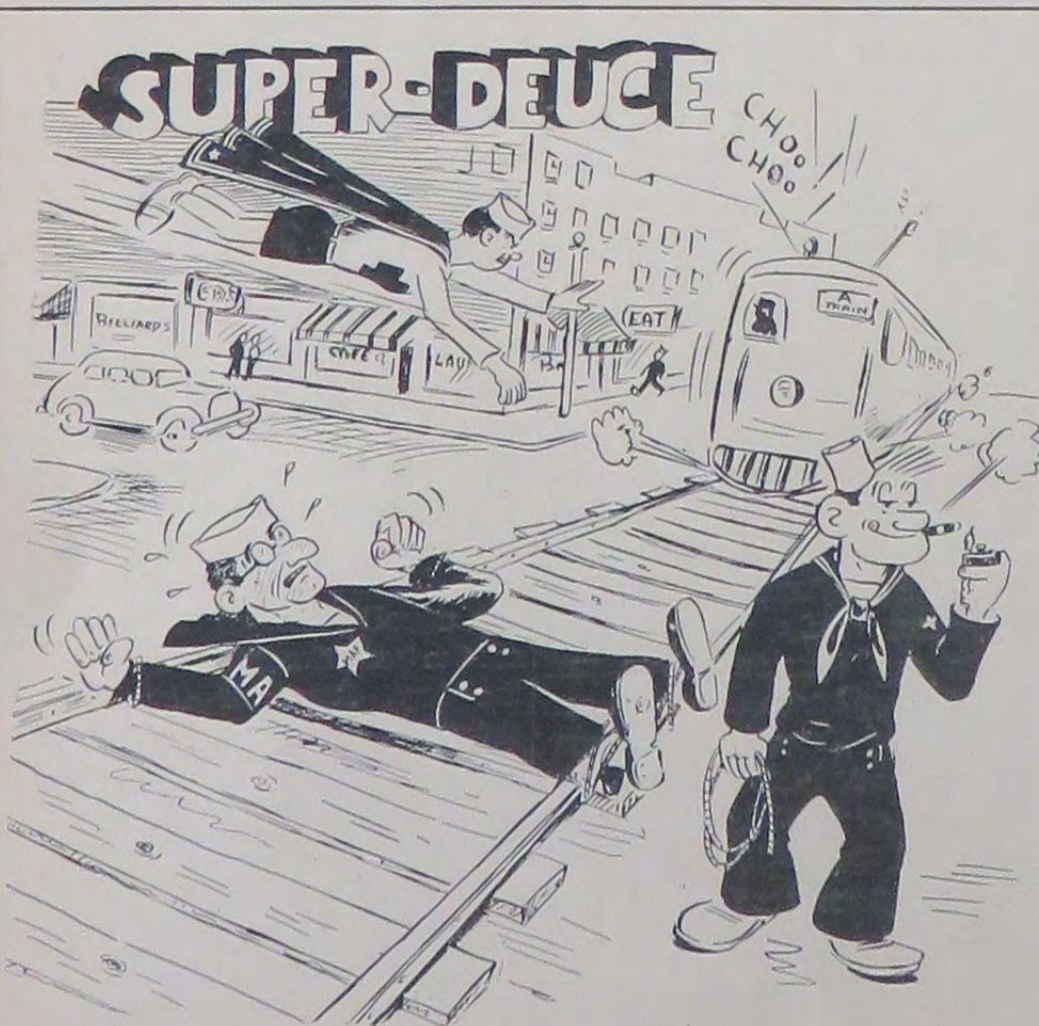
15 October—18 October

15 October—Round Table Series with supplementary film "News Development." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

16 October—Lecture and Discussion: "What Ahead in Labor Relations?" J. Hunter Clark (Consul. Industrial Engineer).

17 October—Round Table Discussion: "Post-war Communications." Clarence Gilroy, H. Sanders (Western Union).

18 October—Lecture and Discussion: "Real Estate—How to Buy a Home." H. A. Daum, ChSp(A), (Rehabilitation).





# Off the Bookshelf

The Library is the proud possessor of a set of six colorful Covarubias maps, which will replace the aviation pictures now hanging on the walls. The new maps are pictorial, showing various types of native dwellings of the Pacific area, native means of transportation, fauna and flora of the Pacific, peoples of the Pacific, art forms, and economy of the Pacific. Houses are shown by means of igloos, teepees, and grass shacks superimposed on a map. Transportation includes everything from an Aleutian kayak to a modern airplane.

The map showing flora and fauna is one of the most attractive, showing koalas, kangaroos, ostriches, in Australia; walrus, reindeer, seals and foxes in the North; flamingoes, buffalo, skunks, and mountain goats in the United States. The flora include everything from palms to California redwoods. The map of native peoples is also very interesting, showing many different races in native costume, from warmly dressed Yakuts to southern California bathing girls.

Pineapples, corn, salmon, both in and out of cans, oil wells, oranges, ships, milk, logs, indicating lumbering, sugar cane, sheep, cattle, porcelain cups, pearl, coral, symbolize the products and resources of various Pacific areas depicted in the economy of the Pacific map.

New books recently added to the Library include the following:

Camp: *Skip to My Lou*. (A novel of an Ozark family who came to California to work in the shipyards.)

Gostain: *The Black Rose*. (An exciting historical novel about a young English nobleman who fights in the Crusades.)

Gard: *Sick Bay*. (An amusing book of cartoons based on experiences at the Norfolk Naval Training Station dispensary.)

Gorman: *The Wine of San Lorenzo*. (Story of an American boy adopted by Santa Anna and brought up as a Mexican, who later fights against his own brother in the Mexican war.)

Lewis: *Cass Timberlane*. (Novel about a marriage with a setting in an imaginary Minnesota town.)

## Japs Don't Give These Captives Much Trouble

(SEA).—American prisoners of war found in Kyushu camps after the Jap surrender wore Jap swords wrapped in colored pieces of cloth. Here's how one survivor described the souvenir hunting:

"We just went up to the Japs after they told us the war was over and took their swords. . . . Of course, we had to knock down a few to get swords but they really didn't give us any trouble."



Penberthy's prolific pen was inspired last week to delineate a delicate portrait of a common Oak Knoll sight. This jalopy of uncertain vintage and its variegated crew may be seen at odd hours of the day and night cruising in the vicinity of the bistros of East Oakland.

## Fulfills Mission Before Death

Not a day passes that something of vital human interest does not happen on the wards of Oak Knoll. This is one of those small episodes that somehow run like a red thread through the course of a war—yet are soon lost sight of and forgotten except by the few individuals whose lives they affect.

On September 22, Gordon Mainland was admitted as a patient on Ward 68B. Mr. Mainland had been serving as a Red Cross Field Director overseas when he became acutely ill. He was hospitalized at Okinawa, the Fleet Hospital in Guam, the Fleet Hospital at Aiea Heights, and finally was flown here to Oak Knoll. His condition became progressively worse, resulting in his death on Saturday last.

A few hours before his death, however, when Mr. Mainland was in a critical condition, he asked to see our Field Director. Summoning what little remaining strength he had, the patient handed Miss Adams a crumpled piece of paper containing the name and address of a woman in Trenton, New Jersey—the mother of a young boy he had last seen in Guam.

The boy had asked Mr. Mainland to contact his mother and assure her of his good health and spirits. Within a few minutes the message went through from the Red Cross here. Little did the boy realize his message would be delivered from Mr. Mainland's deathbed.

Gordon Mainland truly exemplified the real meaning of Red Cross—unselfish service for the good of others.

Famous words (in barber shop)—"Cut it short, Mac; I only got 34 points."

## SF Library Offers Culture Course

A course on "Emerging Political and Economic Issues in the Far East," a subject which should be of vital interest to Pacific veterans, has been announced by the Institute of Pacific Relations. The 10 two-hour sessions is being held on Wednesday afternoons, 4 to 6 p. m., October 10 to December 12, in the Assembly Hall of the San Francisco Public Library.

The price for service personnel is 35 cents for a single lecture. Following is the schedule of lectures:

Oct. 17—Dependency Problems in the Pacific. Felix M. Kessing, of Stanford University.

Oct. 24—Security Problems in the Pacific: Implications of the Atomic Bomb. Dr. Eugene Staley.

Oct. 31—Political Issues in China. (To be announced.)

Nov. 7—Industrialization Plans for China. William Montgomery, managing director, San Francisco Bay Regional Board, China-America Council of Commerce and Industry, Inc.

Nov. 14—Political and Economic Future of the Philippines. Prof. H. Jacoby, formerly of Bolups University, Copenhagen, and of Adamson University, Manila.

Nov. 21—The Soviet Union in Relation to the Far East and to the United States. Prof. George B. Cressey, visiting professor at Stanford University, 1945-46.

Nov. 28—The Future of Japan. (To be announced.)

Dec. 5—New Zealand and Australia. Charles O. Buttrose, U. S. West Coast representative, Australian Department of Information.

Dec. 12—Summary. Dr. Eugene Staley.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

### To buy . . .

Uniforms—Officers Blues or Greys. coat 39 long. Trousers 32-33 waist, 33-34 length. Lt. (jg) Thomas Magee, Ward 66B.

### Wanted . . .

Two rides from Alameda. Must be here at 8:30 a. m. Call Mrs. Eichelberg, Red Cross.

### To sell . . .

17-jewel wrist Cronograph, originally \$170, for \$100. S. P. Nance, Ward 51A.

Complete set of Marine Corps Blues with extra Cap Covers. Excellent condition, reasonable. See Sgt. Dowell, Ward 55.

Will trade six rolls of 120 film and one roll of 116 film for 616 film or a 120 camera. CM1c Meyer Sincher, Ward 46A.

Gas Stove, pre-war, practically new, table top, oven control, \$60. Call SW 0992 after 1800.

### Lost . . .

Wrist Watch—Marvin, black face, luminous dial, full sweep second hand, sentimental value. Reward. Torchy Haynes, 72A.

Ronson Lighter—Black, leather bound, initials "J. R." Jane Raney, WAVE Quarters.

### Notice . . .

Any man who was a prisoner-of-war aboard the Orizaba Maru is asked to call Mr. Hasket Derby, DO uglas 1161.

Anyone having information concerning Cmdr. George Magruder Brooke, last heard from at Camp Fukuoka (Kyushu), please contact Mrs. George Brooke, 1281 Essex St., San Diego. Call Jackson 8025 and reverse charges.

Information desired concerning Pfc. James Vivian Miller of the USS Houston. Please contact Mrs. Marjorie Marshall, 2 Green St., Sonora, Calif.

## Volunteer Enlistments In Navy Surge Upward

(SEA).—The Navy averaged 550 volunteer enlistments a day during August. Total for the month was 16,500, including 6131 USN and 10,369 USNR. Between 15 August and 12 September 12,914 enlisted in the Navy, including 6781 voluntary USN enlistments.

"Are you the man who saved my little boy from drowning?"

"Yes."

"Well, where the hell's his hat?"

\* \* \*

"Why do they call you a 'yes' girl?"

"I don't no."



# The Sporting Scene

## Swim Fest Pleases

Intermittent showers failed to dampen the enthusiasm of either participants or audience at the Officers' Swim Festival on Sunday, October 7th. A good time was on tap for all, with plenty of laughs, thrills, and excitement.

### Features National Champion

Highlight of the day was the beautiful Fancy Diving Exhibition put on by Miss Helen Morgan, National Women's Diving Champion. Grace and precision in every detail marked the exhibition of this petite and trim miss.

Humor, varying from the scared to the profane, was the contribution of the famous Comedy Diving Team, Diaz and Hanley. With their weird antics and in their outsize suits, they proved masters of this comparatively new art form.

An added feature was the competent exhibition of the different strokes given by Oak Knoll's own physio-therapist, Ens. Clark, who is a former national Junior Half Mile Champion.

### Internes Whip Doctors

Novelty events starring local talent were an added feature in the day's festivities. The Night Shirt Relay was won by the Internes, with the Doctors second and the Waves third. Wave Joan Craig took the honors in the Egg and Spoon Race, with young Doctor Livingston, I presume, taking the Booby Prize.

The Internes had it all over their portlier colleagues of the Medical Corps in both the Watermelon Contest and the Water Basketball Game. The score in the wet version of the cage sport was Internes 10, Doctors 0.

## BASE NOTES

Congratulations go to **PhM3c H. E. Jacobs** of the Photo Lab and **Mrs. Jacobs** on the birth of a baby boy. "Jake" passed out the cigars to all and sundry, including the "Oak Leaf" staff.

**Murphy**, of the 28A Murphys, got himself talked into a shampoo at the Barber Shop the other day with surprising results. . . . It seems that paint remover is just as efficient in removing hair, not to mention dandruff. . . .

Added to the list of liberty-loving corpsmen who can find the right barracks but not the right sack in the wee hours of the morning is **Ralph Patterson**. . . .

Things are tough in the civilian world. . . . On her first night as a civilian the house where Wave **Jane Holliday** was staying burned down. . . .

## Patients Whip Corpsmen

Oak Knoll's Patients, chronic victims of the medical ministrations of the hospital Corpsmen, gained a measure of revenge in a Touch Football Game played on Thursday, October 4th. The measure of victory was a safety scored when the Corpsmen were trapped behind their own goal line.

Composing the Patient team were men from Wards 51, 60 and 62. Play was at a fast clip and the numerous spectators really enjoyed the game.

### Patients Hold on 1-Foot Line

The Corpsmen lost their chance to score when the Patients held them on the one-foot line, taking the ball on downs.

Patients		Corpsmen
Ryan	LE	Dahl
Otis	LT	Grady
Baer	LG	Hagan
Gerth	C	Stocking
McDermott	RG	Jones
Wright	RT	Corbin
Cook	RE	Parsons
Walters	QB	Hanson
Leach	HB	Monahan
Backman	HB	Dougherty
Moore	FB	Stanton
Subs: Kirby for McDermott, Blumenthal for Corbin.		

Passes completed: Corpsmen, 6 out of 12; Patients, 5 out of 12. First downs: Corpsmen, 10; Patients, 11. Safety scored by Ed Baer.

## Did You Know

That if any time since entering the service you have been on the sick list for six (6) months or more, and carry NATIONAL SERVICE LIFE INSURANCE, you have cash coming back? This CASH is actually the amount of the premiums which you paid during your sickness period. This feature is a part of your policy regardless of whether you are in the service or out of the service.

That Government insurance is the lowest priced life insurance you can buy? The rates are 20% to 30% lower than those of private life insurance companies. For example, if you are 24 when you start a 30 payment life policy, your rate is \$16.40 per month for \$10,000. This rate never changes for the entire 30-year period.

Among the newly-fledged Chiefs to be seen on the compound this week was the "Oak Leaf's" great and good friend **Arrington** of the MAA force. . . . Congratulations, "Chief." . . .

As soon as **Bob Elder** started to work among the microbes to be found in Lab, the Love Bug bit him badly. . . .

## RED CROSS

From the Red Cross staff, greetings to "Oak Leaf" readers, and a few notes about what goes on with entertainment and recreation in the wards, in the busy corridor topside in the ship service building, in the A. R. C. craft shop and all over the compound. . . .

Most recent addition to the recreation staff is **Mrs. Alfred Evans**, who has been transferred from the AAF redistribution center at Santa Monica. With her husband, who has just been discharged, Mrs. Evans is putting on musical shows. She studied music at the University of Oregon and Mills College and enjoys the "longhair" variety. Al, on the other hand, "never took a lesson in his life," can play anything you can whistle, and prefers the popular stuff, so they make a good team. . . .

One of the best known shows on the compound features patient and staff talent. **Jerry Cardinal**, one-time radio vocalist with Tommy Gleason, Abe Lyman and Fred Waring's chorus, heads the bill. **Will Scott**, former radio announcer for CBS, and **Bob Lincoln**, who was a staff pianist for NBC in pre-war days, turn out a variety of sparkling piano melodies. Singers, dancers, musicians please note: The boys are looking for new talent, and auditions are held on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, backstage of the ship service theater.

From the "oh and ah" department: **Cpl. Frank W. Constantineau** of the Marines visited the ARC recreation office last week

That you only buy National Service life insurance while you are in the service? **BE SURE TO HAVE THE FULL AMOUNT OF INSURANCE YOU WANT BEFORE YOU ARE DISCHARGED.**

If you have any questions concerning your insurance, you can get the "last word" at the Hospital Benefits and Insurance Office located in the Post Office Building.

## MOIPHY . . .



By Penberthy

Send Your Copy of THE OAK LEAF Home!

Place  
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From  
U. S. Naval Hospital  
Oakland 14, California

To

with a Jap sword in his hand and a "home at last" grin on his face. A good proportion of the staff gathered to witness the unsheathing of the sword, acquired from a suddenly meek Nip on Honshu.

Scuttlebutt, recently authenticated, from the Red Cross craft shop says the crafters will hold open house Tuesday night, October 17, from 6:30 to 8:30, to display the workmanship of patients and craft members. Ideas for making your own Christmas cards will be demonstrated, and refreshments will be served. If you're working on a craft project now, bring it along.

And by the way, who was the gal I saw you outwit last night?

Give to Victory War Chest—the need is great.

You can't do better than help the War Chest.

Have you contributed to the Victory War Chest?





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## Skipper Honors Athletic Luminaries at Hotel Banquet



UPPER LEFT: WINNERS OF SECOND PLACE IN HOSPITAL LEAGUE PLAY, THE SOFTBALLERS POSE WITH CAPTAIN DEARING. UPPER RIGHT: CMDR. HIRSHLAND CONGRATULATES THE ATHLETIC SPECIALISTS. LOWER LEFT: LT. BECHTOL AWARDS TENNIS SINGLES CHAMP KAY REICHENBACH. LOWER RIGHT: THE VALIANT BUT TROPHYLESS BASEBALLERS CAN STILL MANAGE A SMILE.

## Men's and Waves' Softball and Tennis Champs Garner Annual Awards

The luxurious Claremont Hotel was the scene of Oak Knoll's semi-annual Athletic Banquet on Thursday evening, October 11. With Captain Dearing in attendance the hospital's athletic greats were properly feted and awarded by Lt. Mastin and the Welfare and Recreation Department.

After a short talk lauding the notable athletic accomplishments of Oak Knoll athletes both in league and compound play, Captain Dearing presented a District Softball Trophy and individual awards to the Softball team and also awarded the Commanding Officer's Trophy to the compound's Wave Softball champs.

Cmdr Hirshland, Rehabilitation Officer, spoke briefly on compound

athletics and Miss McLaughlin then awarded the Women's Softball individual awards. "Miss Mac" has been the sparkplug for the extensive feminine sports program conducted here.

With 1st Lt. Charles R. Bechtol USMCR doing the honors, the winners of the recent Tennis tournament received their awards. To PhM3c Wilford Morgan went three awards: men's singles championship, men's doubles, and mixed doubles. Sharing his doubles victories were Lt. (jg) Joan Cady Sartorius and PhM3c Ray Smith.

To Sp(S)2c Kay Reichenbach went the award for the women's singles championship with PhM3c Jean Morrison taking second honors.

## Enlisted Uniform Design Before Fleet Commands

(SEA).— Designs and samples of materials of the new Navy uniform for enlisted men will be sent to important fleet commands for consideration and suggestions, the Navy Department has announced. Final selection will be made before the present supply of uniforms has been exhausted.

## Death Claims Father of Popular Wave Officer

The Oak Leaf staff joins all hands in expressing sympathy to Lt. (jg) Mary M. Sherrill at the death of her father, Walter Sherrill, in Rock Island, Ill.

Miss Sherrill has been attached to the hospital staff 27 months. She is Public Information Officer as well as Oak Leaf editor.

## Two Ceremonies Mark Dedication Of New Chapel

Appropriate ceremonies marked the dedication of Oak Knoll's new \$40,000 Chapel on Sunday, October 14. Captain R. W. Truitt, District Chaplain, preached the Dedictory Sermon at the Protestant Service while the Most Reverend Thomas A. Connolly, Auxiliary Bishop of San Francisco, officiated at the Catholic Service.

Rear Admiral C. H. Wright, Commandant of the 12th Naval District, and Captain A. H. Dearing, Medical Officer in Command here, were present for the Protestant Service at 1000 which saw all seven Protestant Chaplains participating. Chaplain Andrew T. L. Armstrong gave the dedicatory sentences while Chief Chaplain Charles D. Chrisman offered the dedicatory prayer.

Bishop Connolly was assisted by Chaplains Leonard A. Kelly and Richard F. Redman in the Dedictory Service and Mass which took place at 0830.

A Jewish Altar Dedication Service was given at 2000 on Friday, October 19.

## High, Mate?

High man on our flagpole is civilian painter George Massie, 40.

Massie ascended the eighty-five feet of slick enamel into the Gendreausphere during—appropriately enough—a Saturday inspection.

His celestial mission was accomplished without wing or prayer. The purpose was to defoul a pair of fouled lines that had caused Oak Knoll to be under two flags all morning.

Massie, whose colorful career includes the painting of the Golden Gate Bridge, accomplished the perilous mission in seventy minutes.

Afterwards Massie casually remarked that the whole deal was as easy as falling off a log.





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## Let's Not Lie

The Bluejacket's Manual defines truthfulness as "... the final test of a man. In a pinch, will he lie?"

As the nation's forces demobilize rapidly, these words assume a new significance. As well as an axiom, they represent a challenge.

All of us are pinched by emotional, social and economic desires now. These personal feelings urge us to free ourselves of service affiliation as quickly as possible. In this pinch that may jeopardize the freedom that blood and toil have won, we cannot lie to blood and toil. We must accept the challenge of caution and preparedness.

We are lying to ourselves when we believe that V-J Day is the magic cure-all that rectifies past mistakes and dispels future concerns. V-J Day is an alert.

As future citizens, as future supporters and segments of this government, we must vote for truthfulness. We must legislate our lesson. We must ignore our individual pinches and keep faith with prudence. Now, while still in the service, is the time to prepare ourselves sternly for this task. We must not lie ourselves into a lull. We must, through the knowledge of truth, support a modern, strong arm of defense. We must voice honest opinions consistent with the honest ideals that saw Americans die and that will see them suffer for decades.

Let us not lie to ourselves again. Let us place the precious interest of the nation above our personal interests, else we lose our nation AND our personal interests. If, in our hearts and at the polls, we urge an adequate army and navy, we shall have guaranteed both vital hopes.

Only in facing what may well be the final test of our nation with truthfulness can we hope to face the final test of a man with success.

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. William P. Danies (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Shepard Kreech, Jr. (MC), USNR; Ch. Pay Clerk Fred Brown, USN; Lt. Cmdr. Thomas O. Bond (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Henry B. Bruyn, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) E. E. Lenon, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Enoch F. Reed, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Blanche E. Hurd, USNR-W; Lt. (jg) Bonner L. Shinn (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) James K. Martins (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) William H. Todd (MC), USNR; Capt. Eric J. Ryan (MC), USNR; Lt. Daryl E. Debell (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Arthur N. Houston (MC), USNR; Lt. Lila E. Suiter W(H), USNR; Ch. Pharm. Harry G. Spring, USN; Pharm. John M. Regan, USN; Ens. Rae H. Davis H(W) USNR.

### Going

Lt. Cmdr. Louis H. Dyke, Jr. MC(S), USNR; Lt. Harry J. Blumenfeld (DC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Lee W. Johnson, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Robert C. Cornell (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Charles L. Davis (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Robert H. Furman (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. John P. Burkett (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Frank A. Browne (MC), USNR; Lt. Helen M. Campbell W(H), USNR; Capt. Lloyd R. Reynolds MC(S), USNR; Lt. Edward H. Vincent (MC),

## Chaplain's Department in SOS for New Choristers

Sp(W)1c B. Charles Wansley, a recent addition to the Chaplain's Department and new Choir Director, has issued a call for singers. All those who have had any previous experience are asked to contact him.

New robes have been ordered for this Protestant Choir which will function in the hospital's new Chapel. Practice is held on Tuesday and Thursday 1400 to 1500.

USNR; Lt. Frederick O. Beardsley (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Melvin B. Black (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Walter G. Hunsberger (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Otto J. Neufeld (MC), USNR; Lt. Russell L. Crosier (D), USNR; Lt. Louise Stocking H(W) USNR; Lt. (jg) Edgar O. Day, ChC, USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Paul P. Pickering (MC), USN; Lt. Cmdr. Carter R. Morse (MC), USNR; Capt. John M. Wright (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Harry E. Kaplan (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) James W. Lewis (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Milton B. Engel (DC), USNR.

## After First Service in New Chapel



The initial Dedicatory Ceremony in Oak Knoll's beautiful new Chapel was the Catholic Service at 0830 last Sunday. Above, Bishop Connolly is shown with Chaplains L. A. Kelly and R. F. Redman and the attending personnel. At 1000, with Admiral Wright and Captain Dearing in attendance, Captain R. W. Truitt, 12th Naval District Chaplain, led the dedication of the Protestant Chapel.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### "The Ring of Light"

Faith is that confidence in ourselves, our fellow men and in God that believes there will be a better tomorrow in spite of the sad-sacks who mourn that the world is going to the dogs.

The man who loses his faith in himself has little left.

"When faith is lost, when honor dies  
The man is dead."

Rough roads and tough going come to every man sooner or later. Some crumble into dust at the first winds of adversity, give up hope and surrender. Others arch their backs and challenge hard luck to down their spirit. Faith begins with a confidence in one's self.

But even that isn't enough. We must also have a faith in our fellow men. Here is a man who believes every one in the world is a crook save himself. There are many who look on every nation in the world with suspicion, save our own. This is no day for undue suspicion. Most of our fellow men are honestly trying to do the right thing. Like us, they make mistakes. But most of them are honest and sincere in their effort to build a better world.

Faith in ourselves and in our neighbors rests on the foundation stone of a faith in God. Our religious beliefs may vary a great deal. But most of us believe this at least: that the God who made the world still has some way over it and history will follow the course carved out by His will.

This is no day for morbid doubt but for a "faith that sees the ring of light."

CHAPLAIN BERLYN V. FARRIS, USNR

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, T. Murdock Hale, Joseph A. Talley, Walter M. Theobald.  
Sunday—Communion Service, 0730; Morning Service, 1000; Evening Vespers, 1600.  
War Devotionals—0930, 1000, 1030.  
Weekday—Morning Devotionals, 0730; Vesper Service, 1600.  
Service Men's Christian League—(second deck of Dental Clinic Bldg. 132)—Mondays, 1800.  
Bible Study—(Thursday in Chapel) 1800.  
Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

All day Thursday, Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Service 1930.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.  
Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.  
Confessions before all Masses.  
Novena & Benediction Tuesday 1830.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—M. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.  
Friday (Chapel) 2000.  
The Jewish Chaplain is in attendance on Tuesday from 0800 to 1500. Will all Jewish personnel send in names to the Chaplain.



## Our Doctor



Lt. (jg) Sydney F. Thomas  
(MC) USNR

Lt. (jg) Thomas belongs to that increasing tribe of Californians by adoption — modern men without countries. Although born in the swank confines of Mamaroneck, N. Y., in cultured Westchester County, he has been a Californian for the past sixteen years and intends to remain one. He'll never be a native son himself but he intends to see to it that his 9-month-old daughter is.

### Studied at Stanford

Dr. Thomas owes his educational allegiance to California as well, taking both his B.S. and M.D. at Stanford. He interned at the San Francisco hospital in 1941 and completed his specialty training in X-ray before returning to Stanford as an instructor in that subject until he entered the Navy in June, 1944.

Now a mainstay in the bustling X-ray department, Lt. (jg) Thomas is accredited by the American Board of Radiology and has contributed several articles to scientific magazines in his field. Although busy with fluoroscopy, reading films, the tumor board, deep therapy, bronchiograms, lecturing internes, etc., he still has time to be a prime favorite in the spirited conversational by-play that accompanies good morale.

### X-ray His Specialty

Dr. Thomas is particularly eloquent when it comes to his specialty of X-ray. He denied vigorously the implication that it is a Johnny-Come-Lately in the medical field, stating that it is now celebrating the fiftieth anniversary of its discovery, although its medical applications came somewhat later.

Defining the dual functions of X-ray, he said they consist of from  $\frac{2}{3}$  to  $\frac{3}{4}$  diagnosis with the remainder treatment. "Boxing the shadows" made by the human body in health and disease is the radiologist's way of defining its diagnostic function. Therapeutically, its most important use is in the treatment of cancer.

### Radiology Has Future

The question as to whether X-ray had become a static science evoked another vigorous denial. "Diagnostic X-ray will become static only when there is nothing else to know in medicine," he said.

The postwar future will not arrive yet for some time for this San

## President Bestows Medals Of Honor On 2 Corpsmen

For outstanding bravery and devotion to duty two members of the Navy Hospital Corps were presented with Medals of Honor by President Truman on Nimitz Day, October 5, 1945. The two men were PhM2c George Edward Wahlen USNR and HA1c Robert Eugene Bush USNR.

### Honored for Iwo, Okinawa Actions

The White House presentation honored the gallantry during action of Wahlen in the Iwo Jima campaign and of Bush in the bloody battle for Okinawa. Both westerners, PhM2c Wahlen hails from Ogden, Utah and HA1c Bush from Raymond, Washington.

PhM2c Wahlen served with the 2nd Battalion, 26th Marines, 5th Marine Division and his citation reads in part:

### Wahlen Wounded Three Times

"Painfully wounded in the bitter action on February 26, Wahlen remained on the battlefield, advancing well forward of the front lines to aid a wounded Marine and carrying him back to safety despite a terrific concentration of fire. Tireless in his ministrations, he consistently disregarded all danger to attend his fighting comrades as they fell under the devastating rain of shrapnel and bullets, and rendered prompt assistance to various elements of his combat group as required.

"When an adjacent platoon suffered heavy casualties, he defied the continuous pounding of heavy mortars and the deadly fire of enemy rifles to care for the wounded, working rapidly in an area swept by constant fire and treating fourteen casualties before returning to his own platoon.

"Wounded again on March 2, he gallantly refused evacuation, moving out with his company the following day in a furious assault over 600 yards of open terrain and repeatedly rendering medical aid while exposed to the blasting fury of powerful Japanese guns. Stout-hearted and indomitable, he persevered in his determined efforts as his unit waged fierce battle and, unable to walk after sustaining a third agonizing wound, resolutely crawled fifty yards to administer first aid to still another fallen fighter."

A corpsman attached to a Rifle Company, HA1c Bush fought with the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marines, 1st Marine Division and received his citation for heroism displayed on May 2, 1945:

"Fearlessly braving the fury of artillery, mortar and machine-gun

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Francisco medico, but when it does he looks forward to a combination of teaching and practicing his chosen specialty.

## First Chapel Wedding Unites Ex-POW And Loyal Bride Who Waited 4 Years

A romance interrupted for four years by a Marine hero's internment in a Japanese prison camp was culminated here last Monday night when Captain James William Keene, USMC, took Miss Lillian Irene Capps of Birmingham, Ala-

procession to the altar, where the ceremony was read by Lt. Berlyn V. Farris (Ch C) USNR. The bride, wearing a white lace gown and carrying a bouquet of red and white roses, was given in marriage by Captain Dearing. Following the ceremony the bride and groom left the chapel under the traditional arch of steel formed by the ushers' swords and were taken to the Officers' Club where a reception was given in their honor.

### Taken at Corregidor

Captain Keene, a Marine officer since 1939 when he was commissioned at the Citadel, Charleston, South Carolina college, was taken prisoner at the fall of Corregidor in May, 1942, commanding an anti-aircraft battery with the Third Battalion, Fourth Marines. After several months' internment at Cabanatuan he was moved to Fukuoka, Kyushu, to a Japanese prison hospital, where he served as a corpsman. He was liberated by the Seventh Division in Korea, September 8, and arrived at Oak Knoll September 29 by plane.

Captain and Mrs. Keene plan to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Keene, Pensacola, Florida, as soon as he is discharged from the hospital. After that they will make their home wherever the Marine Corps sends them.

Girl: "Would you like to see where I was operated on for appendicitis?"

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Gob: "No, I hate hospitals."

We know a sailor who is fast growing old but is still in there pinching.



Captain and Mrs. Keene

bama, as his bride. Their military wedding was the first to take place in Oak Knoll's newly dedicated chapel.

### Notables Attend

In the wedding party were Lt. (jg) Anna Lyle Shultz, (NC), USNR, who served as maid of honor; Captain Robert W. Hengesbach, USMC, best man; Cmdr. George E. Nesche (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. William R. Strangman (DC) USN, Captain Julian V. Lyon, USMC, Lt. Robert H. Mastin USNR, 1st Lt. Robert F. Jenkins, USMC, 2nd Lt. Eldon M. Drake, USMCR, ushers. Captain and Mrs. Arthur H. Dearing acted as sponsors for the bride, and Captain and Mrs. W. R. Manlove, for the groom.

A Marine color guard led the

## The Wolf

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CASE OF THE WEEK

# Navy Breathes Life Into Army As "Iron Lung" Answers Call

The iron lung that we have here on the compound is not called upon as frequently as the fire department, but the main thing is that we have one which is always ready. It reposes under an over-size horse blanket in ward 50B, and each week it is inspected with great care and checked to see that it is in working order.

## Army Asks Use

A few weeks ago the Oakland Regional Army Hospital called upon the Navy (yes it did) and asked if our iron lung could be used for the treatment of an Army officer. It could, of course. It was for Captain William L. Porteous, a recent victim of the dreaded "polio."

When Captain Porteous arrived on the compound of the United States Naval Hospital at Oakland, he was breathing with only one set of muscles, i. e., those of his abdomen and diaphragm. Whether you realize it or not, it takes two sets of muscles to do the simple business of breathing. And as Porteous was in a fairly advanced stage of respiratory paralysis, his chest was quiet, which indicated that the intercostal muscles (the

lung, victims of infantile paralysis often died because of the inability of the respiratory muscles to keep going during the acute phase of the disease. It is to Dr. Cecil Drinker of Harvard Medical School that we are indebted for the iron lung. It has been a great life saving device in tiding certain patients over the critical period of respiratory paralysis.

## Takes Place of Muscles

In operation (though it looks very complicated) it simply takes the place of the respiratory or breathing muscles. The patient is placed on a specially built mattress inside the cylinder and is completely covered except for his head. In order that no air may enter, a soft rubber sponge collar surrounds the patient's neck. At the foot of the iron lung is a large bellows—a sheet of rubber which is moved to and fro by an electric motor. The movements of this diaphragm are at about the same rate as normal breathing.

It is operated by electric current but just in case the current is discontinued it can be worked by hand. There is produced within the confines of the iron lung, by each stroke of the bellows, 15 pounds of negative pressure which draws air into the patient's lung and then, with the release of this pressure, allows the air to be exhaled. In this manner the iron lung takes the place of the patient's paralyzed muscles of respiration.

At no time is there any feeling of suffocation or claustrophobia, since the patient's head is outside the cylinder and he can take food and fluids as he desires.

Captain Porteous is fortunate in having his wife in the area to visit him daily, but his greatest good luck was the immediate availability of an iron lung September 26, 1945. He is making splendid progress now and will soon be completely well, with no residual paralysis.

What his plans are after his release from the hospital have not been determined. He was at Camp Stoneman ready to ship overseas when he was stricken. He may be discharged for he has been in the Army for four and a half years, with a year and a half of this time in Panama in an anti-aircraft battalion.

He has, if he wishes to use them, the points for an early separation from the service and with the return of his health the future looks pretty bright.

PO: "Chief, there's an applicant here who said he used to make his living by sticking his right arm into a lion's mouth."

CPO: "What's his name?"

PO: "Lefty."

# Three-Striper Rates Three Cakes



Left to right: Lt. Cmdr. Leo Prins, PhM3c Dorothy Pickell, PhM3c Audrey Peterson, HA2c James McKnight, HA2c Bob Lester, HA1c Larry Tinnan, HA1c William Striplin, HA2c Edward Murray, Mrs. Esther O'Hara and her daughter Patty O'Hara, Master Sergeant Cletus Ebersole.

Cakes galore featured the surprise birthday party given Thursday, October 11 for Cletus Ebersole on Ward 75B. It was the 24th birthday for this marine sergeant who has been a patient here for more than nine months.

Mrs. Esther O'Hara, whose kindness and hard work is well known here, sponsored the party and brought an attractive birthday cake. Lt. and Mrs. L. S. Kensinger presented a second cake and another was given by HA2c Merritt

Mann. All three resulted in "good eats."

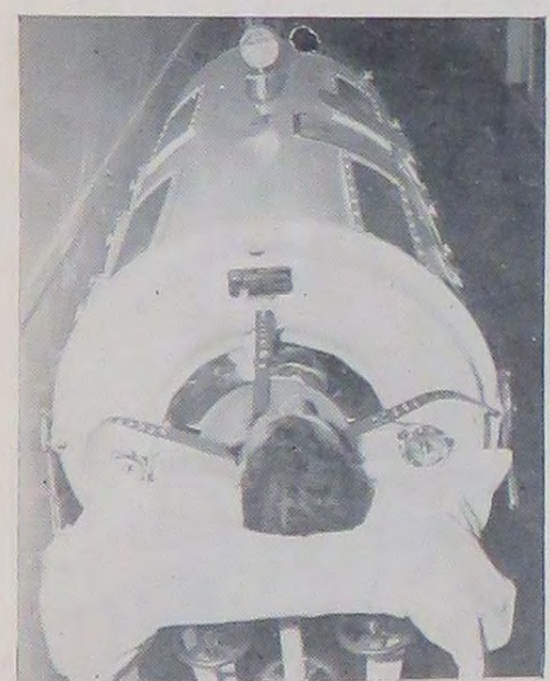
"Clete" received many new gifts—a pre-war tie to encourage any man's quick return to good health, several items in smoking gear, shaving equipment, and candy.

It was a gala occasion for Ebersole who still faces considerable hospitalization and he sincerely appreciated and enjoyed the thoughtfulness of his friends.

## SALTY



Official U. S. Navy Photograph. This piece from the "family album" of the U. S. Naval Academy, celebrating its 100th anniversary this month, shows Quartermaster Richard Knowles, who taught midshipmen about 1870. In 1862 at the Battle of Mobile Bay, he lashed Admiral David Farragut to the rigging of his flagship.



## Iron Lung in Action

other set of the two) were inactive and functioning weakly if at all.

He was placed in the iron lung immediately upon arrival where he has remained for the past ten days. At the time of writing he is placed in the iron lung only at night, and this is soon to be discontinued, since he is so much improved.

## Kenney Treatments Given

Besides his nocturnal sojourns in the iron lung, Porteous has a continuous round of Kenney treatments consisting of hot packs and massage to the remaining affected muscles. He is still quite weak, he cannot feed himself, and his legs are definitely below par. However, all the muscle groups are capable of some movement which is the important thing in the recovery of polio patients.

Before the invention of the iron

## Medals—

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fire from strongly entrenched hostile positions, Bush constantly and unhesitatingly moved from one casualty to another to attend the wounded falling under the enemy's murderous barrages. As the attack passed over a ridge top, Bush was advancing to administer blood plasma to a marine officer lying wounded on the skyline when the Japanese launched a savage counter-attack. In this perilously exposed position, he resolutely maintained the flow of life-giving plasma.

"With the bottle held high in one hand, Bush drew his pistol with the other and fired into the enemy's ranks until his ammunition was expended. Quickly seizing a discarded carbine, he trained his fire on the Japanese charging point-blank over the hill, accounting for six of the enemy despite his own serious wounds and the loss of one eye suffered during his desperate battle in defense of the helpless man. With the hostile force finally routed, he calmly disregarded his own critical condition to complete his mission, valiantly refusing medical treatment for himself until his officer had been evacuated and collapsing only after attempting to walk to the battle aid station."



# S-U-N Spells California at U.S.N.H., San Diego

## Largest Naval Hospital Boasts Resort Charms

With an emergency bed capacity for 12,000 patients, the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, holds the distinction of being the Navy's largest hospital. At the present time it admits approximately 5000 patients every month.

### Has 220 Buildings

Expanded during the war to include the former San Diego Exposition buildings, ex-Army units in Balboa Park, and an annex at Rancho Santa Fe, the hospital now has approximately 220 buildings and covers an area of 242 acres. Despite its size, the San Diego medical center has won acclaim among medical men for its high professional standards and has established itself as one of the nation's leaders in reconstruction and rehabilitation work.

In addition to treating service patients, the hospital cares for hundreds of Navy and Marine dependents and trains hundreds of internes and hospital corpsmen. The corps school is the largest in operation, with facilities for 3000 students.

### Commissioned in 1922

The hospital, commissioned in 1922, originally accommodated 500 men. Now in the wards thousands of veterans of every Pacific campaign from Pearl Harbor to Okinawa are receiving treatment and training for civilian life.

The Navy man or Marine who looks forward to transferring to San Diego has a real treat in store, for the hospital grounds and the city of San Diego offer much in beautiful surroundings and entertainment opportunities. The grounds are a part of Balboa Park, the third largest public park in the United States. Famous for its beauty of design, its forms a setting for many important institutions and permanent exhibits. Here patients may listen to music from



Upper left: Patients play golf on the course in front of the hospital. Upper right: Band concerts are held in this Main Patio every Friday. Lower left: A scene in Balboa Park. Lower right: Orthopedic patients enjoy their daily sun baths.

the largest pipe organ in the world in a picturesque amphitheater.

### Many Beach Resorts

Beach resorts—13 of them within an hour's drive—provide a chance for exercise or relaxation. At Oceanside the pier is lined on weekends with dungaree-clad fishermen. Pacific Beach has ideal opportunities for yachting, aquaplaning, fishing and surf bathing. Within the city limits of San Diego is La Jolla, a quiet beach city famous the country over for its beautiful cove-indented shores. There one may participate in all the beach sports, in addition to golf, shuffleboard and tennis.

Across the Silver Strand is Coronado, commonly believed to be an island, though it is actually linked to the mainland by the strand. Also accessible to the patient with weekend liberty are mountain resorts and the Mexican points south of the border.

### A Pioneer City

It was in San Diego that the Franciscan father, Junipero Serra, first planted the cross in 1769, and General Fremont raised the flag of the United States in 1846. Mission San Diego de Alcala and the mission at Pala are centers for study of those early days when California was being settled by the Spanish.

It was also in this city, with its fine harbor, discovered by Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in 1542, that the first town, the first irrigation system, the first cultivated field, the first school and the first church in California were established.

The "Dry Dock," weekly newspaper at the U. S. Naval Hospital, San Diego, appropriately carries under its nameplate the motto, "Men as Well as Ships Need a Haven for Repair." A survey of facilities there indicates that whatever a man needs, be it medical care, recreation, or rest, he'll find it at the haven the Navy has provided for him in San Diego.

## Result of 3 Days' Labor: Eight Chiefs Are Born

Chief's Crows perched on the sleeves of eight Oak Knollers this week as the result of a test for that rate given recently. Clad in the crisp, creased garb traditional to the clan, the men were the successful survivors of a three-day test.

The new Chief Pharmacist's Mates were: Kenneth R. Anderson, Robert A. Arrington, Jr., Richard J. DeFussi, William L. Manuel, Erin M. McGreevy, Lee T. Meldon, Leland E. Mock, and Merrill D. Williams. They are all veterans of extensive overseas duty.

Smooth sailing, Chiefs!

Then there's the fellow who spent a thousand bucks to get rid of halitosis only to find his friends didn't like him anyway.

## HE'S SO-OO HAPPY

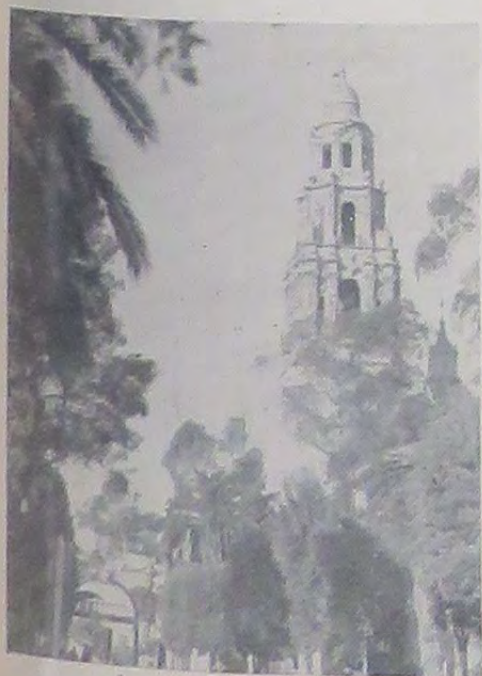
(SEA).—Herbert Knapp was SO happy over his "speedy" release from the Army. Out only 90 minutes after he reported for discharge he exclaimed, "I'm amazed at the beautiful way they handled my case and how polite they were."

Incidentally he's a full colonel and the separation center was the Pentagon.

## 17-Year-Old Marine Wins Medal of Honor

(SEA). — Seventeen-year-old Pfc. Jacklyn H. Lucas is the youngest man of the Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard to receive the Medal of Honor for World War II. Enlisting at the age of 14, he wanted combat duty and went AWOL, stowing away on a ship leaving Pearl Harbor headed for Iwo Jima. With the Fifth Marine Division there on D-Day-plus-one he covered two grenades with his body, absorbing the explosions to shield his companions.

The young Leatherneck was decorated for his action by the President at the White House.



In Balboa Park ornate Exposition Buildings now serve as wards.



## Off the Bookshelf

A suggestion for the coming rainy days when the weather will be too soggy for baseball or football or just sitting on the fence post thinking of the whys and wherefors of old "Mom" Nature. Drop down to the library and pick out a book on philosophy—if you are a fence post sitter—and begin some really heavy thinking. It seems that the subject is becoming popular once again and we are glad to say that the library has quite a few books along that line.

Crow: *Master Kung*. (The story of Confucius and of his philosophy.)

Dewey: *Intelligence in the Modern World*. (The meaning of philosophy as applied to sociology, education, science, and religion.)

Durant: *The Story of Philosophy*. (The great philosophers presented in their environment and times.)

Edman: *Landmarks for Beginners in Philosophy*. (Selected extracts from writings of great philosophers from Plato to Nietzsche.)

Ellis: *The Dance of Life*. (Exposition of author's philosophy concerning life as an art.)

Fadiman: *I Believe*. (The personal philosophies of eminent men and women of our time.)

Frost: *The Basic Teachings of the Great Philosophers*. (Recommended for a resume of modern philosophy.)

James: *Pragmatism*. (A new name for some old ways of thinking.)

James: *The Will to Believe*. (Essays in popular philosophy.)

Lin Yutang: *The Importance of Living*. (Presents an interpretation of Chinese philosophy of living.)

Lippmann: *A Preface to Morals*. (An attempt to emerge from this age of confusion by application of "disinterestedness" in all things.)

*Living Philosophies*, by Albert Einstein and others. (The fundamental beliefs of 22 well-known personalities of this century.)

Parrington: *Main Currents in American Thought*. (An interpretation of American Literature from the beginnings to 1920.)

Russell: *The Problems of Philosophy*. (Philosophical problems presented in an explanatory and constructive manner.)

Santayana: *The Philosophy of Santayana*. (A collection of passages showing most comprehensively Santayana's philosophy.)

Whitehead: *Adventures of Ideas*. (Traces the ideas which have molded civilization.)

A little boy, saying his prayers, had his mind centered on the talk of his parents concerning our troubled times. Having prayed for everything and everybody he could remember, he concluded with "And please, God, take care of Yourself. If anything should happen to You we'd all be sunk."

## Captains Doff Blue And Don Mufti

Two of Oak Knoll's top-ranking officers reentered the civilian world last week. They were Captain Lloyd R. Reynolds MC(S) USNR and Captain John M. Wright (MC) USNR. Both prominent medical specialists, they plan to go back to private practice.

Captain Reynolds was Chief of Urology here and served as Executive Officer after Captain Carroll's departure and until Captain Manlove reported aboard. Captain Wright was Chief of Orthopedics.

To these men goes the hospital's gratitude for their splendid and persevering work in the medical field.

## Archives List Class Records of Admirals

(SEA).—In celebration of Nimitz Day in Washington and the centennial of the U. S. Naval Academy, the National Archives are displaying documents including midshipmen records of Fleet Admirals King, Leahy and Nimitz and Admiral Halsey.

Records show that while the four officers were "model" midshipmen, none graduated first in his class. Fleet Admiral Leahy was 35th in the 1897 class of 47 graduates. Fleet Admiral King was No. 4 in 67 in the 1901 class. Admiral Halsey ranked 43 in 62 graduated in the class of 1904, while Fleet Admiral Nimitz was seventh among 114 of the 1905 class.

## Navy Asks Continued Use of V-Mail Form

(SEA).—Although V-mail is to be discontinued 15 October, the Navy Department has requested that all hands continue using the V-mail blank to lighten the mail load. The microfilm process is no longer to be used, but all V-mail forms will be delivered in the original and shipped by air both to and from overseas regardless of postage paid.

An estimated 2,000,000,000 processed V-mail letters have been handled by Navy and Army since the program started in September, 1942, freeing cargo space for nearly 50,000,000 pounds of vital war material.

An inmate of an insane asylum was a record reader of books. Every day he would visit the library and carry off huge armloads. The librarian, becoming desperate, gave him the telephone directory. Five hours later he reappeared to return the book and ask for another. "Surely you haven't finished that book in this time. What did you think of it?" "Well," said the inmate, "I thought the plot was terrible, but man, what a cast!"

## ON and OFF the COMPOUND

### SAN FRANCISCO

#### Music and Theatre

Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with free refreshments. Nightly at 8:30, except Monday.

Geary—"Adam Ate the Apple." Opens Monday, Oct. 8.

Curran—"Merry-Go-Round." Opens Monday, Oct. 8.

#### Sports

Roller Skating—Ambassador Roller Rink, corner Fillmore and Geary. Admission and skates free to service men Sunday afternoons, 12 to 4. (See "You Gotta Pay" listing for other hours.)

#### Radio Broadcasts

Free tickets in Recreation Office to Radio Broadcasts in San Francisco as follows: "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. (semi-classical music). "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9 p.m. (Prizes, pre-show, interviews). "Night Editor" every Friday at 9 p.m. (starring Hal Burdick).

#### Museums

de Young Museum—Golden Gate Park. Exhibits of Fine and Decorative Arts. Simon African Hall—Golden Gate Park. Collection of African Wildlife. San Francisco Museum of Art—McAllister at Van Ness. Sundays 1 to 5 p.m.; daily 12 noon to 10 p.m.

#### Where to Go

Stage Door Canteen, 430 Mason, at Geary. Open from 6 p.m. to midnight. Dancing with Junior hostesses. Refreshments. Continuous professional entertainment by artists of theatre, radio, and night clubs.

Y.W.C.A., 620 Sutter. Recreational activities Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Swimming, dancing, games, etc. Refreshments.

Red Cross Canteens—235 Minna, bet. 3rd and 4th. Open daily 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments, pool, lounge, recreation room. Sun. morning sightseeing tours of the city. First tour 10 a.m.

Ferry Bldg., 2nd floor. Open daily 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Refreshments. Dormitory accommodations. Travelers' Aid Lounge in connection.

Lutheran Service Center, 334 Mason St. Canteen service, recreational facilities.

### OAKLAND

Oakland Public Museum—14th and Oak. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.

Snow's Museum—274 19th St., 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily; Sunday, 1-5.

Zoological Gardens—98th Ave. and Mountain Blvd., 9 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. daily. Admission 20c.

Art Gallery—Municipal Auditorium, 10th and Fallon, 1-5 daily.

Wild Life Exhibit—13th and Broadway.

#### Where to Go

Hospitality House, 660 13th St. Victory Service Center, 226 14th St. Elks Dormitory, 1408 Webster St. (sleeping accommodations, showers, checking).

Christian Home, 108 Lake Street (sleeping accommodations).

Information Hut, City Hall Plaza.

Bluejacket Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, sleeping accommodations, showers, laundry.

St. Vincent De Paul Center (sleeping accommodations), 421 Broadway.

Jewish Center, 732 14th St.

U.S.O. Lounge, Oakland Mole.

A.W.V.S. Canteen, 16th St. Station.

Port of Call (afternoon and evening), 6119 MacArthur Boulevard (Tuesday, Friday, Sunday).

Y.M.C.A., 2501 Telegraph Ave. (sleeping accommodations, showers).

Y.W.C.A., open house, evenings, 15th and Webster Sts.

De Fremery, U.S.O. Club, 1651 Adeline St.

Christian Fellowship Center, 1400 Jackson St.

Shrine Hospitality House, 1260 Harrison St. (Dance every Saturday night.)

For wives, mothers, sisters and service men. Guest Lodge, 26th and Broadway.

Navy Officers' and Wives' Housing and Information Center, Room 234, Hotel Leamington, mezzanine, 19th and Franklin Sts. Daily, except Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

#### Mills College

Art Gallery—Current special exhibit of sculpture, war posters and inter-American art. Wed., Fri., Sun., 2-5 p.m.

Tennis Courts—All day.

Chabot Observatory—Tues., Fri., Sat., 2-5 p.m., 7-9 p.m., by appointment. KE 4-1561.

### ON THE COMPOUND

#### (Cinema Auditorium)

Sat., Oct. 20—"See My Lawyer," Olsen and Johnson.

Sunday, Oct. 21—"Paris Underground," Gracie Fields, Constance Bennett.

Mon., Oct. 22—"Ten Gentlemen from West Point," George Montgomery, Maureen O'Hara.

Tues., Oct. 23—"Spanish Main," Paul Henreid, Maureen O'Hara.

Wed., Oct. 24—"Senorita from the West," Alan Jones, Bonita Granville.

Thurs., Oct. 25—"The True Glory," Documentary.

Fri., Oct. 26—"The Lost Weekend," Ray Milland, Jane Wyman.

Sat., Oct. 27—"I Dood It," Red Skelton, Eleanor Powell.

Horseback Riding is offered every day of the week, weather permitting, riding fees being 50c per hour. Chits and reservations must be purchased in advance at the Bowling Alleys; I. D. cards must be shown. The 0930, 1400, 1630 and 1830 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys 15 minutes before the scheduled time for riding. The 1030 and 1500 groups meet at the gate by the Fire House. On Sunday, both 0930 and 1030 groups meet at the Bowling Alleys.

The complete riding schedule is as follows: Every morning 0930-1130; Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 1400 and 1500; Tuesday, Thursday, 1400 and 1630; Saturday and Sunday, 1830-2030.

Golfers will be transported to and from Lake Chabot Golf Course, except Sunday, at the following times:

Leave 0915—Return 1330.

Leave 1300—Return 1630.

### BUS SCHEDULE

A Key System bus leaves the main gate of the hospital every 20 minutes, going alternately to MacArthur and 90th and to Seminary and MacArthur.

To go to San Francisco take either bus and transfer at MacArthur to N bus. To go to downtown Oakland take any other bus at the same place.

The returning bus leaves the Bridge Terminal in San Francisco at 22 minutes past the hour, the last bus leaving at 0022. The last bus from Seminary and MacArthur to Oak Knoll leaves at 0036 and from 90th and MacArthur at 0218.

If going to San Francisco by train, take the bus to Seminary and transfer to the A train.

### SWIMMING POOL HOURS

All patients must present chit, signed by the ward Medical Officer giving them permission to enter pool.

#### Monday through Friday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (all hands).

0800-0900—Closed.

0900-1100—Rehabilitation Program.

1100-1200—Enlisted Staff.

1200-1300—Officers.

1300-1500—Enlisted.

1500-1700—Officers.

1700-1800—Enlisted.

#### Saturday

0630-0700—Morning Dip (All Hands).

0800-1000—Closed.

1000-1100—Inspection.

1100-1200—Staff.

1200-1300—Officers.

1300-1500—Rehabilitation Program.

1530-1730—Officers.

1730-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

#### Sunday

1230-1500—Officers.

1500-Till secured—Enlisted Staff.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

Time: 0900.

Place: Topside Marine Detachment, Room 202C.

For: All officer and enlisted staff and patient personnel.

22 October—Round Table Series with supplementary film "News Development." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

23 October—Lecture and Discussion: "The Business of Entertainment: Movie Theater Operation." Mr. M. Rosenbers (Owner, Chimes Theater).

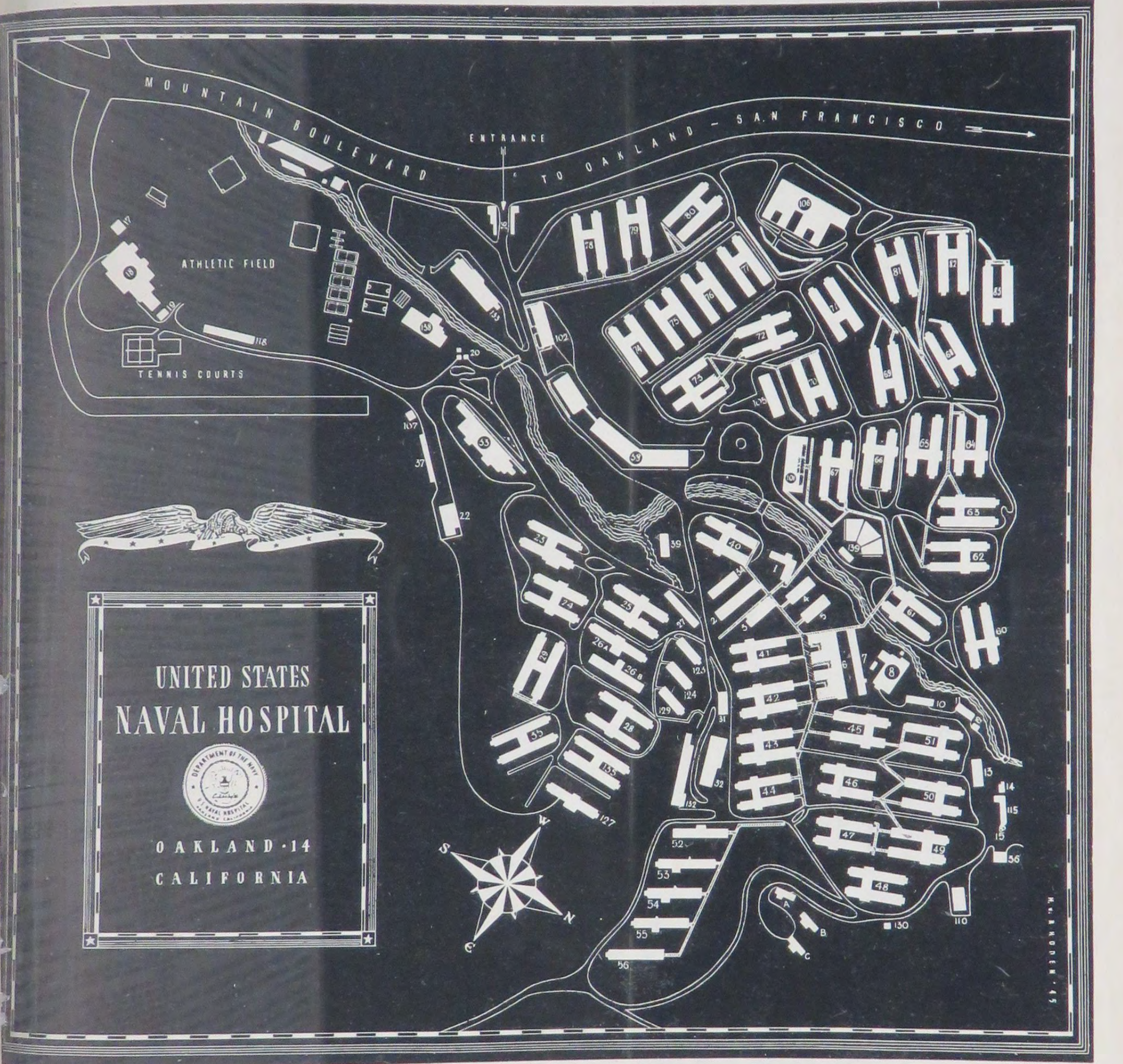
24 October—Lecture and Discussion: "Opportunities in Municipal Government." Mr. T. Stahlberg (Sec. & Examiner, Oakland Civil Service Board).

25 October—Lecture and Discussion: "Ornamental Gardening Industry." Mr. Ned Rucker (Landscape Architect).

26 October—Lecture and Discussion. Supplementary film "Building A Home." Mr. Hugo Muller (Contractor), and Mr. M. A. Downing.



# Here Is a Handy Post-Liberty Guide for Those Who Return and Find Their Wards Moved



## LEGEND

Administration Building	101	Laboratory	4	Post Office	1
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Educational Services	133	Pharmacy	1	Western Union	38
Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic	45	Physical Therapy	2	X-Ray	3



# The Sporting Scene

## Officer Swim Fest Hatched Thrills And Spills



Captain A. M. Snell's expert marksmanship with the camera records two high points in the recent highly successful Officers' Swim Festival. At left, National Champion Helen Morgan does a beautiful back swan dive; right, the comedy team of Diaz and Hanley prepare for one of their elaborate dives.

### To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

#### To sell . . .

One pair tailor-made Dress Blues, \$15. 29 waist, 34 jumper, 18 ounce gabardine. See William E. Lord, 44A.

Ice Box, Shasta, 50 capacity, excellent condition, \$20. See Lt. (jg) L. B. Marquiss, Physical Training, Ext. 183.

Marine Officer's Overcoat, tailor-made, two new khaki uniforms, large size. Call TR 6408 after 1830.

34 Plymouth, 4-door, good tires, good motor, \$400. See at Fire House.

Two beautiful blue Fox Great Coats, practically new. \$200 each. Contact Raoul Benesh, Sausalito, 646R.

#### Wanted . . .

1941 or 1942 4-door Sedan. Will pay top cash. See Don Kennedy, 41A.

#### Lost . . .

Earring (light blue and gold) at Ship's Service Dance. Contact Miss Delany at Grey Ladies, Ship's Service Building.

#### Found . . .

One Gold Bridge with two teeth. Contact Bag Room.

### Lt. Bertram Gustafson New PhysEd Director

With the discharge to civilian life of Lt. Cmdr. Harold E. Rock this week, Lt. Bertram L. Gustafson takes over the direction of the extensive Physical Training program here.

While stationed at Oak Knoll, Lt. Cmdr. Rock was instrumental in helping to organize this comparatively new phase of hospital activity. He will return to his peacetime work as Director of Physical Education and football coach in Reading, Pa.

### Sports Comment...

Oak Knoll's athletic Waves added another feather to their collective caps when they took the compound trophy in Volleyball. In competition with the Cadet Nurses and Nurses, they won all their preliminary games and then polished off the Angels of Mercy in the finale, 36-26.

An amazing feature of the game, which was played October 10, was that the Waves triumphed with a five-lady team against a conventional Squad of eight. The five victorious sailorettes were Captain Gerry Faber, Elna Page, Prudence Sanders, Lt. (jg) McLaughlin, and Eleanor Gilboy.

Other members of the squad who have taken part in previous games are: Amber Smithson, Jean Denison, Kay Reichenbach, Miriam Best, Jean Morrison, Gaynor Minott, Roberta Sylvester, Grace Thompson, Phyllis Hilburn, Jimmie Mirto, Pat Smith, and Dorothy Insley.

#### Visit Alameda

On Tuesday, October 9, the Nurse, Cadet Nurse, and Wave volleyballers travelled to Alameda to participate in round robin play. Oak Knoll emerged victorious with two victories in three games.

Refreshments and friendly feminine chit-chat featured an entertaining day. The following Tuesday Oak Knoll entertained Alameda here at Mills College.

#### Bowling Leagues Forming

Department Bowling Leagues are now in the process of formation. Planned are two leagues with six teams in each league, with a third tentatively scheduled if justified. Independent bowlers may sign up for teams at the Bowling Alleys.

Play starts October 30 with cash prizes every night and grand prizes and medals at the end of the ten-week season. Sp(A)3c L. S. Green and John Reakes are in charge of the details concerning the formation and play in these handicap leagues.

### Red Cross News

One of the recreation workers tells this one, with a twinkle, about the new staff member who went looking for the head corpsman to get some medical reports. It seems she knocked on the door of the corpsman's head for five minutes—corpsman's head, head corpsman, see?

Up and down the hills of Oak Knoll the loudest nights come on Tuesday and Wednesday, which are "party nights" in some of the wards. The "Cal Gals" from the University of California, the Gray Ladies from Oakland and Berkeley, and YW groups join the recreation staff to take parties to wards where liberty is nothing but a word. Another group in training for volunteer work with the recreation staff comes from Mills College.

Best news of the week for attractive, dark-eyed Nona Poliak

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was the message from her husband who is on his way home from duty in the Pacific. In anticipation Nona let down the upswept hair to celebrate . . . and kept right on juggling movie machines around on her motion picture stint, which is one of the most headachy jobs on the recreation staff, as any one of the long-suffering projectionists can testify. It seems there are a alarming number of things that can go amiss with a movie machine, and they always do.

You know it's wonderful how movies have advanced in recent years . . . first they had silent pictures, then talkies, and now they have some that smell.

### MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"—And all you have to do is walk in and yell 'Daddy!'"





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Saturday, 27 October, 1945

## All America in Salute to Navy

### Capt. Dearing Pens Navy Day Memo



On this day we commemorate the 87th birthday of a great American, Theodore Roosevelt. Because his vision and energy were so largely responsible for the birth of a modern American Navy, his natal day has been selected to be celebrated as Navy Day. Due to his insistence and foresight, the modern Navy differs from the Navy before 1900 as much as a modern mechanized division differs from an old-time cavalry division.

For millions of officers, men and women, this is the first Navy Day they have been in uniform under conditions of peace. It will probably be the only peaceful one for them in the Service. It is important that all realize the significance of a real Navy Day. This is a birthday for the Navy, and the observance of Navy Day is like a birthday party to which the entire nation is invited. We in uniform are the hosts. The civilian population are our guests. This is our opportunity to show them our house and our hospitality, to demonstrate how the Navy works, and what it does.

During the war years the uniformed personnel have repeatedly been the guests and been entertained by the civilian. Today it is our opportunity to repay in some small measure their hospitality by entertaining them in our own institution. Let us not fail to make them welcome and be gracious hosts.

A. H. DEARING,  
Captain, (MC), USN,  
Medical Officer in Command.

### Navy's Might Reflected at Oak Knoll

Growing apace with the tremendous expansion of naval installations afloat and ashore, Oak Knoll has grown from a 500-bed hospital to the Navy's third largest.

It is particularly impressive to note that facility expansion usu-

ally accompanied and reflected the cost of a new Pacific operation.

At present there are accommodations here for a total hospital population of approximately 8000. More than 115,000 military patients, and their dependents, have received treatment here.

### Citation Ceremony Honors 20 Today

A Navy Day citations ceremony will honor over 20 sailors and Marines who are scheduled to receive a wide variety of medals, ranging from the Navy Cross to the Army Distinguished Unit Badge.

The medals, presented in the name of the President and the Secretary of the Navy, will be awarded by Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, medical officer in command. Citations will be read by the executive officer, Capt. W. R. Manlove.

The ceremony, on Gendreau Circle, will begin at 1300. Hospital gates open for the public at noon and adequate parking facilities will be available.

Flanking the awardees will be the traditional honor guard, representatives of the hospital staff, including doctors, nurses, Waves, hospital corpsmen and officers.

#### Navy Crosses to be Given

Three Navy Crosses will be awarded. They go to Lt. Elwood J. Wallof, USMC; Lt. Robert A. De Long, USMCR; and Pfc. Conrad A. Schultz, USMC.

Silver Stars will be awarded Sgt. Rudolph Fanska, USMC; PhM2/c Jack Ragsdale, USNR; S2/c William Rogers Hays, USNR.

AMM2/c William E. Downey, USNR, will receive the lone Navy and Marine Corps Medal.

Bronze Stars go to Lt. Paul R. Jones, USMCR; Lt. (jg) William H. Myers, USNR; Coxswain James L. Rodenfels; PhM3/c Ernest Nick Chiulos, USNR; and Pfc. Emil E. Woods, USMCR.

A Gold Star for his third Air Medal will be presented to ARM2/c Robert E. Mayo.

CPhM R. W. Bray will receive the Navy Commendation Ribbon and Lt. John E. Barricklo, USNR, the Purple Heart.

Presidential Unit Citations will be awarded MoMM1/c Andrew T. Matthews, USNR, and HA1/c George McDuffie.

Three Army Distinguished Unit Badges will go to CCM H. H. Andersen, USN; CMM Percy W. Groom and CCM Roy C. Hansen.

### Hospital Responds With Open House

Saturday—Navy Day—a grateful nation pays public tribute to its heroic Navy. In return the Navy honors her men and hoists the welcome pennant, urging the public to come aboard and see first-hand the weapons and facilities that earned the victory.

Coincident with Third Fleet celebrations in San Francisco and naval feting that will take place in every American port and city, Oak Knoll offers a colorful and interesting program to Bay Area residents who have been invited to visit the compound and inspect hospital accommodations.

#### Citations at 1 O'Clock

An outdoor citation ceremony on Gendreau Circle will begin at 1300 to initiate the schedule of events. Following this the gangway will open to visitors who will be taken on group tours, for which guides have been provided. Guides will explain activities in the following departments which will be open to the public: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, X-ray, Pathological Laboratory, Surgery No. 1, Commissary No. 1 galley, Dental Clinic, Library, Hospital Corps Quarters, Wave Quarters, Blood Bank, Educational Services, Red Cross Hobby and Craft Shop, Occupational Therapy Building No. 102 and Community Service Building. Refreshments will be served in Commissary No. 1 to those on tour.

#### Organ Recital Planned

An organ recital featuring the music of B. Charles Wansley Sp(W)1/c, Clarence Whiting PhM (Continued on page 2, column 1)





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## ● Pride of the Fleet

We're pointing with pride today at the Navy, and the nation is with us.

Not only is the nation with us, but some of the perennially gripping bluejackets are tooting their horns and blowing their whistles, too. So we figure it's a pretty good thing.

Actually, choice of the vain word "pride" could expose us to all sorts of ethical and moral controversy. But we persist that the choice is a fit one. We feel that in this instance there is a healthy self-satisfaction and a strengthening quality in the word. There is no thought of self-conceit in the word's selection.

This pride is more than the glorification of tradition. It stems from a gratifying sensation, that of doing a tough job and doing it well. This flushed feeling is in striking contrast to the attitude which prevailed in America at the beginning of the war. After Pearl Harbor there was a long period, during which a misunderstanding nation had little but sympathy—or near-contempt—for the Navy. That was the time when our fleet was at the bottom of Pearl Harbor or on Washington drawing boards.

But forty-four months of warfare saw the Naval service grow to an extent that humbled the size of previous Army expeditionary forces, much less ours or the world's navies. Off the ocean floor and off the drawing boards, our fleet became an invincible armada of nearly 4,000,000 men and 100,000 craft. Yet, before as well as during this phenomenal growth, the little fleet fought and acquitted herself valiantly.

In victory after victory, an overwhelming foe was defeated. Sacrifices were great, but achievements were greater. Almost singlehandedly, and certainly in preponderant proportion, the Navy waged the bitter, horrible Pacific war. The Navy's record bespoke success and the Navy's success bespoke pride. Thus America's Navy, once a victim of peculiar public delusion, rose in public esteem.

Today, at the peak of national favor, the Navy throughout America is receiving the sincere plaudits of a sobered, educated—and very grateful—nation. Every officer and man has justifiable right in being host to his neighbor's gratitude. As fighting agents of democracy, the nearly 4,000,000 men of the fleet have performed admirably.

They have honorably earned the right to be proud.

## Open House Here

(Continued from page 1)

3/c and Helen Smeby HA1/c will be given in the chapel. This will begin at 1500.

Movies in technicolor of 1944 and 1945 citation ceremonies at Oak Knoll will be shown at the Community Service Building Theatre preceding both shows on October 26th.

The three-day celebration comes to a joyous end with an all-hands dance in the Community Service Building at 2030 Monday, October 29th.

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. (jg) James H. Pass (MC), USNR; Comdr. Joe W. Sovine (MC), USNR; Lt. Comdr. M. Leon Tancer (MC), USNR; Ensign Carl C. Blickenstaff, H(S), USNR; Lt. (jg) John W. Krasauskas, H(S), USNR; Ensign Marion C. West, H(S); Lt. Donald F. Bellamy (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Carol B. Gawthorp, W-USNR; Lt. John K. Barbieri (MC), USN; Comdr. William B. Chew, MC(S), USNR.

### Going

Lt. Comdr. Harold E. Rock (S), USNR; Lt. (jg) Francis F. C. Wong (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Lois A. Simons, W-USNR; Lt. (jg) Justin E. Arata (MC), USNR; Ensign Stanley B. Lassiter (JC), USN; Lt. (jg) Robert M. Raber (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) John Montione (MC), USNR.

## CINCPAC Speaks Today in Honolulu



Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz' Navy Day address, originating in Honolulu, will be a highlight of Saturday's world-wide celebration. The Admiral has been an Oak Knoll visitor more than once. Above he is awarding the Purple Heart Medal to a Pacific veteran who fought under his command.

## President Truman's Navy Day Message

(SEA).—Here is the full text of the Navy Day statement issued by President Truman:

"Navy Day, 1945, is a day on which the whole country can honor the 4,000,000 young Americans who fought in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard. To them we owe our victory in the greatest naval war in history—a victory which destroyed two enemy fleets and placed our forces on the beachheads of final triumph. For all the sacrifice and toil which went into those achievements the nation has an opportunity to say, 'Well done.'

"Navy Day this year will also let the American people see for the first time units of the great fleet which their work and money built. I hope it will be possible not only for vessels and planes to be assigned to as many cities as possible, but also for the vessels and planes to be visited by the people, to whom they belong. I hope that some cities may see the Marine Corps veterans who, from Guadalcanal to Japan itself, were in the van of our advance. The Coast Guard, too, which has contributed so importantly to our amphibious operations, should also receive our accolade.

"In some ports, I understand, there will be new vessels with new crews, training to relieve ships and men who have served long tours of duty. That fact also is appropriate because it symbolizes not only our determination to release quickly the combat veterans of this war, but also the continued importance of the Navy's mission: control of our sea approaches and of the skies above them.

## Forty New 'Docs' Arrive from San Diego Corps School

From the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School at San Diego came 40 spanking new corpsmen last week.

Smooth sailing to the following new hands who arrived in this most recent draft:

James Robert Albright, Robert Havens Anderson, Thomas Armstrong Baird, Billie Ray Baker, Warren Marion Bandy, Jr., John Carlton Bishop, Neal Bitting, Stanley Bloom, Gaylord Deane Bryan, Anthony Ciafullo, Marvin Cohen, Walter Henry Cutting, Donald Kay De La Mare, Charles Raymond Giordano, Richard Charles Glendon, Robert Donald Gould, Dean Kemal Hartman, Ralph Kraus,

Jerome Arnold Lackmer, Raymond Joseph Lewandowski, John Lewis Manheim, Charles Alvin Nixon, Joseph Harold Paxman, Charles Melvin Pettis, Lloyd Lyman Phibney, John Robert Ricciardi, Harry Richardson, Kenneth Rooker, David Donald Sanders, Max Sanders, David Collier Savin, Joseph H. Seaguine, Jr., Sherman Beck Sheffield, Carl John Shirer, Benjamin R. Tamplin, Ronald Gilbert Thule, James Henry Toale, Billy Joe Townes, Donald Thacher Welch, Robert Spencer Wulff.

NEWLAND B. WALKER,  
Ch. Pharm., USN.,  
Staff Personnel Officer.



## Our Doctor



Lt. Comdr. Charles Dana Chrisman (ChC), USNR.

Balm for aching hearts and harassed souls is the medicine given by our doctor of the week, Lt. Comdr. Charles Dana Chrisman, senior chaplain on the compound since September, 1943.

Born in Montclair, N. J., he was named by his reporter-editor father for Charles A. Dana, famed 19th century editor of the New York Sun. After completing grade school in Pennsylvania and St. Paul's Preparatory School in New York, he attended Harvard, receiving his AB degree in English literature in 1925. He had taken up the study of law at Harvard the following year, when his educational program was interrupted by an unanticipated trip to the Near East. Up until this time his plans had included no ministerial ambitions, but his tour of the Holy Land inspired him, upon his return, to enroll at Princeton Theological Seminary. There in 1929 he was awarded the Bachelor of Theology degree. The next two years he taught English, elementary Greek, homiletics (the art of preaching) at Lincoln University, a Presbyterian school in Chester County, Pennsylvania, for the higher education of the Negro.

### Is Master of Theology

Later, still dissatisfied with what he thought of as his meager knowledge, he returned to Harvard Divinity School to study church history. He now holds the Master of Theology certificate from Westminster Theological Seminary and has studied in the graduate school of the University of Pennsylvania. In the active pastorate for seven years, Chaplain Chrisman was minister of the Presbyterian Church in Nanuet, New York, just before he was called to active duty with the Navy on June 6, 1941.

At the U. S. Naval Training School, Newport, R. I., for training and two and a half months of duty, the chaplain was preparing for duty aboard the USS "Solace," second hospital ship commissioned by the Navy.

## Commodore Perry's Flag Flies Again

The first American flag to be raised over Japanese territory in World War II was the same flag Commodore Perry hoisted near Yokohama on 14 July 1853, when he landed at Uraga for his interview with Japanese commissioners.

During World War II this flag was raised on Gehh Island, Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands, on 31 January, 1944, the first American colors to be flown over Japanese territory.

The faded 31-star ensign was also used at Japanese surrender ceremonies aboard the USS Missouri, and is to be returned to the Naval Academy museum.

### At Pearl Harbor

First major job for the "Solace" and her chaplain came on December 7, 1941, as she lay at one end of battleship row in Pearl Harbor. Thousands of men were cared for and prayed for in the days that followed. For heroic action and efficient care of the wounded, the "Solace" crew has received the Navy Unit Citation. During the rest of Chaplain Chrisman's two years at sea, he was ministering to the many casualties from Guadalcanal and other South Pacific battle areas to hospitals and cemeteries in New Zealand.

Here at Oak Knoll he considers ward visitation his most important work, and on several occasions he has had the thrill of meeting one of his boys from the "Solace." Some time ago as he walked through a ward, a patient stopped him, asking if he had not been aboard the hospital ship. At their first meeting the boy's eyes had been heavily bandaged. This time he could see the man whose friendly voice he had remembered for more than a year.

### Odd Request

Chaplains are asked to perform all sorts of duties, spiritual and otherwise. Most unusual job anyone has asked Chaplain Chrisman to do was one of the few he hasn't accepted. He is an expert at performing marriage ceremonies, and has at times assisted by locating a best man, but he drew the line when a young woman asked him to provide a groom.

Chaplain and Mrs. Chrisman have three children—Mrs. C. L. Miller, who is living with them while her pharmacist's mate husband is serving aboard the USS "Sibley"; Charles Dana, Jr., 17, and a student at San Francisco Junior College, and David, 7. Last and least—but still the most important member of the family—is young Louis Chrisman Miller, born on Ward 73-B last Easter Sunday.

Asked if his busy life has afforded any time for hobbies, the round-faced, smiling chaplain replied that his favorite pastimes are "shooting the breeze," enjoying a good laugh, and trying to grow old gracefully.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Doing With What We Have

"This I beheld, or dreamed it in a dream:—

There spread a cloud of dust along a plain;  
And underneath the cloud, or in it, raged  
A furious battle, and men yelled, and swords  
Shocked upon swords and shields. A Prince's banner  
Wavered, then staggered backward, hemmed by foes.  
A craven hung along the battle's edge,  
And thought 'Had I a sword of keener steel,  
That blue blade that the king's son bears—but this  
Blunt thing!—he snapt and flung it from his hand,  
And lowering crept away and left the field.  
Then came the king's son, wounded, sore bested,  
And weaponless, saw the broken sword,  
Hilt buried in the dry and trodden sand,  
And ran and snatched it, and with battle shout  
Lifted afresh he hewed his enemy down,  
And saved a great cause that heroic day."

This poem by Edward Sill brings forcibly to mind the fact that oft-times great things can be accomplished with little at hand. Determination and a stout heart can lift us to the heights though we start with little of this world's goods. Though in the battle of life misfortune should befall us, we may, if we will, start anew with what we have—and succeed.

We are taught in the parable of the talents, in the New Testament, that if we are faithful over a few things we may be rulers over many things. Truly, if we do our best with what we have we shall finally triumph.

CHAPLAIN ELBERT R. SIMMONS.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley, Walter M. Theobald.

### Sunday—

Communion Service ..... 0730  
Morning Service ..... 1000  
Evening Vespers ..... 1600

### Weekday—

Morning Devotions ..... 0730  
Vesper Service ..... 1600  
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel) —1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400–1500.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons. Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.  
Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
Confessions before all Masses.  
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.  
Divine Service—2000 Friday.  
J. W. B. representative and compound, Tuesdays and Fridays. Consult Chaplain's Office.

### Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

## Red Cross Craftshop Rivals Santa's



Photographer Peck of Graphic Arts went into action for the opening Tuesday night of the Red Cross hobby shop's Christmas workshop. Evelyn Pugesek and Agnes Martin of the Waves selected designs and began to make hand-blocked Christmas cards, and Johnny Murry of 79B finished a band-blocked table mat for a Christmas gift. The workshop will function again next Tuesday night for patients and

staff members.

A lot of "firsts" came to Joe Gear of 64B this week. He read his first mail, made his first telephone call, saw his first movie and had his first liberty in the States after a long stretch as a prisoner of war in Japan. His buddies borrowed campaign ribbons from everyone in the ward for the occasion, and Herbert Bly in the Gray Lady sewing room altered his blues.



# The Epoch of America's Navy Is Written

## History of World War II Reflected in



(K) Cpl. M. T. Weprich  
Eniwetok Atoll  
Feb., 1944

(L) Lt. (jg) Henry Levy  
Saipan  
June, 1944

(M) Ens. Melvin Comstock  
Invasion of Normandy  
June, 1944

(N) Sgt. Woodrow Walton  
Guam  
July, 1944

(O) Colvin Wilson  
Invasion of South  
August



(A) Melvin Sonntag, BM2c  
Pearl Harbor  
December 7, 1941

(B) Wendell Thompson, S1c  
Philippines Operation  
Dec., 1941-May, 1942

(C) Carl West, MM1c  
Battle of the Coral Sea  
May, 1942

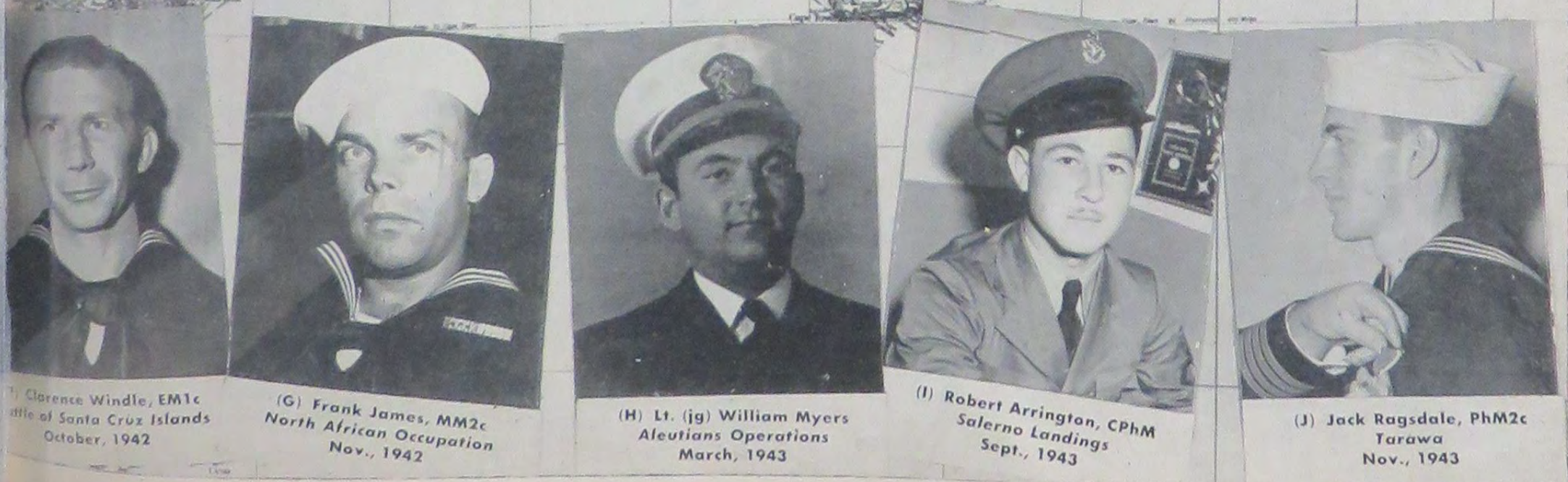
(D) Leroy Camis, BM2c  
Battle of Midway  
June, 1942

(E) Sgt. Clayde Mabe  
Guadalcanal  
August, 1942



# Combined Achievement of Selfless Men

of Oak Knoll Who Fought For Peace





## Handles 316 Waves Without a Ripple



Ensign Betty J. Ross, Women's Reserve Representative, and her assistant, Marjorie Catland, PhM3c, in their Administration Annex office, check over a list of discharges.

Number 1 Wave on the compound is pleasant, pretty Ens. Betty J. Ross, Women's Reserve Representative, whose job is to keep tab on the 23 officers and 292 enlisted Waves now on duty here.

"Hair too long and too bushy" may have been the first five words she spoke to you personally if you're an enlisted member of the Women's Navy. But she gave you cheery words of welcome when you arrived, and of the two speeches—both included among her regular duties—she definitely prefers the one of welcome.

### Variety of Duties

Miss Ross has been referred to as "mother" and "chaplain of the Waves," but she refuses to accept either of these titles. Actually, her work includes outlining of station regulations governing Waves, taking care of applications for transfer and discharge, keeping records of all personnel, supervising the Wave quarters, making officer watch bills, dispensing shoe chits, and handling a variety of unexpected problems that arise practically every day.

In the office she is ably assisted by Marjorie Catland, PhM3/c, former U.C.L.A. student. Credit for the efficient management of the barracks Miss Ross gives to her six assistants who serve there as MAA's. They are Miriam Best, SpS1/c, Kay Reichenbach, SpS2/c, Mavis Eberly, SpS2/c, Phyllis Hillborn, SpS3/c, Eleanor Harwood, S1/c(S), and Yvonne Pettite, S1/c(S). Night and day these girls are on the job, taking bed check, organizing watch bills, calling the plumber, checking details, giving out the mail.

The help of the specialists, the good will of all personnel, and the understanding, helpful cooperation of Captain Dearing, make Miss Ross' job a pleasant one.

### Special Assignment

A special assignment for the WRR came some time ago when 28 physio and occupational therapists—civilian-trained technicians—reported here for Navy indoctrination. Every day found Ens. Ross

surrounded by a group of uniformed students, eager to learn the ways of the Navy. Upon completion of the 10-day course they were ordered to stations all over the West Coast ready to try out their new vocabularies and to conform to military regulations.

Born in San Francisco, Miss Ross is a true Californian. She spent her early years in Fresno, returned to the city to attend Lowell High, and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1940. She spent two graduate years at San Jose State College and taught social science in Sanger Junior High School for a year before joining the Navy. Her home is now in Palo Alto.

Enlisting in July, 1943, she reported to Hunter College for four weeks of boot camp. The following three months she was part of ship's company, "hopping" recruits to and from classes and supervising barracks activities. Then she had the distinction of being the first Wave at Hunter's Point. Sent to organize and open Wave quarters, she was in charge of all girls assigned to duty there. Having advanced to SpS1/c, she was still weighing the attractions of a chief's crow above the elbow against the advantages of a blue stripe below when she received orders to Northampton, Mass., for two months of officer indoctrination.

In August, 1944, fresh from OCS, Ensign Ross reported at Oak Knoll as barracks duty officer, and six months later when the job was combined with that of Women's Reserve representative, she moved into her present office in the Administration Building Annex.

Eventually she will achieve another distinction—that of being the last Wave on the compound. This, too, is a requirement of the WRR's job.

## CASE OF THE WEEK

## Determination Conquers Disease, Sends Hobbling Henry Back to Duty

The sound of a body falling down on the deck in Ward 50B a few months back meant only one thing to the nurses, corpsmen and patients. Mentally or verbally they would say, "That must be Henry!"

Henry had been a patient there for many, many months, and anyone who knew him during his illness would not be likely to forget him. There was only one Henry, and his courage, persistence and good nature made him a ward favorite.

In January, 1944, Henry E. Gonzalez, StM3/c was admitted to the hospital at Oakland with a diagnosis of measles. He was extremely sick on arrival and in a semicomatose condition. By February 3rd, Henry's family were notified that he was on the critical list, for by this time the seemingly simple disease of measles had developed the rare complication of encephalitis. Later his spinal cord was also involved (myelitis). The myelitis which follows measles often affects certain areas of the spinal cord in much the same manner as would a wound, severing the nervous connections between the brain and the lower extremities. When the disease subsided Henry's legs were paralyzed and there seemed little likelihood that he would ever walk normally again. Henry, however, had ideas of his own about this and seized the first opportunity to try out his powers of locomotion.

The combination of muscular stiffness and weakness which he had is a hard one to beat, but his mind was made up and he was not one to be easily discouraged by falls. With a corpsmen on either side and a friend hovering around where he could do the most good, Henry began to explore the ward. His numerous falls usually brought out cries of "Timber!" or "There

goes Henry again." But he kept trying.

The weeks went by and Henry finally managed to get about with only one corpsman and one helper on the bulkhead. Then he began to go it alone. His gait was shambling and not pretty to watch, but as the days went by his confidence over the paralyzed limbs increased. With the aid of some friends Henry finally made a liberty and still later (Christmas, 1944) went on leave to his home in Shreveport, La. When he returned he was visibly stronger and able to get around the compound. He even managed a few dances to the amusement of the ward nurses.

About this time, the question of disposition of Henry's case came up and it was recognized that he could be discharged because of his illness. Some of his doctors felt that Henry's interests would be best served by taking advantage of the opportunities for treatment in a Navy hospital and trying to get back to duty. This view finally prevailed and Henry soon became one of the steadiest customers which Physical Therapy ever had, as well as a star galley corpsman in his own ward. When he finally left here, to return to duty, there was little left to show for his experience except a gait which only an experienced observer would recognize as abnormal.

Henry's good nature and willingness to cooperate, plus his determination to keep on trying under adverse conditions, won for him many "friends and admirers. We don't know where Henry is now, but those who saw him at his worst are willing to bet that he is not on the sick list and that he is taking care of himself wherever he is.

## Frantic Antic Stirs Patient Panic



Riots of laughter shake the ward walls when these three volunteer entertainers appear. They are Will Scott SoMH3c, at piano, Robert Lincoln HA1c, background, and Jerry Cardinal AMM3c.



## Guest Room

## Mischa Richter



### Preview of Opportunities In Selling Scheduled

Two successful Oakland sales managers will visit the hospital at the invitation of the Educational Services Office to discuss the field of salesmanship with all interested hospital personnel. A preview of the whole field of salesmanship as a

vocation will be provided by Henry M. Thomas, who will speak on Thursday, November 1st, emphasizing the techniques of the trade.

On Wednesday, October 31st, a more specialized lecture in the promising field of automotive sales and service will be given by Carl L. Scott of the Scott Motor Co., whose enthusiasm for his field is at a new high pitch because of the long holiday in car buying during the war. Mr. Scott believes that the automotive industry will be able to sell every car that it can make for the first five years after the war.

The lectures will be held from 9:00 until 11:00 in Room C, topside the Marine Detachment Building.

### Off the Bookshelf

Among the new books recently supplied the hospital library by the Navy are ones on the following subjects:

#### Earning a Living

Greenberg: *A Small Store and Independence*. (A practical guide to successful retailing.)

Wharton: *The Theory and Practice of Earning a Living*.

#### Biography

Caruso: *Enrico Caruso*. (Biography of the famous singer by his wife.)

Stong: *Marta of Muscovy*. (Life of Russia's first Empress.)

Walmsley: *Turn of the Tide*. (Autobiography of an English novelist.)

#### Sports

Anderson: *Hunting, Fishing and Camping*. (Practical information.)

*Best Sports Stories of 1944*.

Buckingham: *Tattered Coat*. (Sports stories.)

*Football Record and Rule Book, 1945*. (Available at the library for anyone who wants a copy.)

#### Humor

Caniff: *Male Call*. (Cartoons.)

Gaver: *There's Laughter in the Air!*

### Lt. Kershner Reports War Chest Results

Approximately \$1900 was collected at Oak Knoll for the Community War Chest Drive which ended last Saturday, Lt. (jg) Edward H. Kershner, hospital director of the campaign, has announced. Although the results are gratifying and actually in excess of what he expected, Mr. Kershner revealed that the hospital actually fell \$500 short of its goal.

The reaction at the hospital is typical of a trend that apparently is prevalent throughout the nation. Many communities that heretofore had reached or exceeded their goals fell short this time. Unfortunately this may result in the curtailment of War Fund activities here and overseas, too, where the need for recreational activities is greater than ever.

The Navy Nurse Corps here led the field in contributions, Mr. Kershner said.

Last year the hospital achieved their goal of \$2400 in the drive.

### 150 Grey Ladies Capped At Officers' Club Rites

More than 150 Gray Ladies received caps signifying their service as volunteers with the American Red Cross at Oak Knoll in a ceremony Thursday night at the Officers' Club. Captain Dearing welcomed the group, which included representatives of Red Cross chapters in Oakland, Berkeley and Alameda, and presented the certificates of service. Miss Marie Adams, field director, spoke briefly to congratulate the Gray Ladies on the completion of their probationary period of work.

Miss Dorothea Kembel, supervisor of volunteers, and Miss Donna Henderson, supervisor of the Night Recreation Corps, presented caps to the Gray Ladies, who began their training in April, and have since spent one or two days each week in ward work on the compound. Others of the group received service stripes in recognition of many hours spent with the patients at Oak Knoll.

The Gray Ladies' service to bed patients on the compound includes sewing, letter writing, filling of shopping orders, and distribution of comfort articles.

### To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

#### To Sell . . .

Two suits, CPO blues, size 37; caps, too. Call CSp(A) Alex Jaffe, Ward 61A.

Brand new bathinette and baby scales, unfinished chest-o-drawers. Call Chief SP(A) Alex Jaffe, Ward 61A.

Marine dress blues and white hat, excellent condition; coat 15½-33, 40 bust; trousers 33-34. Call Lakehurst 22725.

Second-hand crib, 6-year-old size, mattress included; reasonably priced. Tel. TR. 3441, Mrs. Gall.

Ronson combination lighter and cigarette case. Call TR. 2737 after 1800.

Officer's dress blues, size 38-39 short. Also gray uniform (cotton), size 38. Call TR. 2737 after 1800.

Sunbeam Mixmaster, waterless cooker, electric iron. Call GL. 5639.

#### Wanted to Rent . . .

Two-bedroom cottage or apartment at a reasonable price. If you know of such a place, contact Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Duncan, Graphic Arts Dept., Phone 183.

#### Lost . . .

Small round cloisonne locket, blue background with pink and green setting, spider-link chain. If found, please return to Grace Cook, Ship's Service fountain. Reward.

Dark brown case containing Pan America trumpet, two mouthpieces, music, records, personal gear. Lost in bandroom. Roy Cranfield, Jr.

#### Personal . . .

Want party to board small male pedigree cocker spaniel for a month, more or less. Terms discussed. Call Lt. (jg) M. P. Land (NC), SW. 5400, Ext. 166.

Three civilian passengers, between Seminary and 82nd Ave., on Foothill Blvd., desire transportation to and from hospital. Hours 0800 to 1630. Please contact Civilian Personnel Office, Administration Building, second deck, Ext. 188.

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# BASE NOTES

For the benefit of those abiding with us who are destined to be tomorrow's civilians, we offer the following helpful definitions.

We do it in the sense that we are sick and tired of being "adjusted" to the post-war world. We think it would be better for us to adjust, rather than be adjusted. In all fairness to civilians and in order that our language will not be a barrier to their re-education, we should be quite certain we know what we're talking about when we embark on this noble crusade. For example, when we say "deck," outsiders should know that we are referring to 52 playing cards and nothing else. The "head" that we may mention left-handedly is after all nothing but the part of a nail you hammer on. "Line" is a sales talk that you give to a girl. Give her enough, and you'll hang yourself. A "Flat Top" is not like the Essex, but is, as any fool knows, a deceased Dick Tracy character. A "Bureau Change" is when someone moves the bedroom furniture. "Liberty" is the name of a statue in New York harbor. "Sack" is a paper receptacle for groceries, etc. A "Dog Tag" is a biting permit for a canine. A "Report" is a loud noise. "Quarters" are four to the dollar. "Mess" is something you have to clean up. "Chow" is a dog with lots of fur. "Attention" is what married men pay to everyone but their wives. Finally, a "Lucky Bag" is a Victory Girl who gets a husband.

Armed with a capable knowledge of English like this—and a very rich uncle—you should do infinitely well as a civilian.

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Discerning "Oak Leaf" readers will perhaps notice a small difference in the style of this week's edition. Changes are due more or less to the temporary absence of the paper's managing editor, friendly freckled Trondby Fensstad.

Early this week the perk penman entrained aboard the "Challenger," prune box in hand, for Chicago and the joyous aggrandizements of annual leave.

The stable, able editor was plainly concerned about the future of the station newspaper in his absence. A large group of bon voyagers at the Mole could do little to raise his apprehensive spirits and disperse the worry of the paper's welfare from his Apollonian head.

As departure time neared he had been reassured several hundred times, but with no apparent relief. Finally, with utmost consideration, someone asked at the last minute, "Well, how do you feel?" His surly, timbrous tones replied, "Fael ka o." This, as you feared, is "Oak Leaf" spelled backwards.

## The Sporting Scene

### Surgery Sews Up W & R In First Hoop Game

Faster than an emergency appendectomy, the Butcher Boys of Surgery II downed Welfare & Rec's fast-finishing quintet 19-12 in the opening game of compound basketball play.

High point man was Surgery II's ace Bob Jones, who registered 11 points.

Surgery II's fast five got off to a lightning start and at the half the contest appeared slightly unilateral with W & R on the brief end of a 13-4 count.

With the second half came the dead-eye reckoning of Welfare's Chief Kmetovic, whose artful aim rushed the match to a closer climax. Always a lethal threat was No-Nap Nate Balin until he was ably bottled by Surgery's Ted Roik, who held said threat impotent.

The Compound League promises some fast, exciting contests and, for those interested spectators, all games are played on the outdoor courts below the swimming pool. Games will begin promptly at 1645 on the scheduled dates.

W & R				
	FG.	F.	TP.	
Lemon	0	0	0	
Kmetovic	3	2	8	
Lindsey	2	0	4	
Carter	0	0	0	
Balin	0	0	0	
Totals	5	2	12	

### Seek Accident Witness

Anyone who saw woman hit by bus at main gate at 1635 Tuesday, 23 October, please call Legal Assistance, Ext. 197.

### SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAMS

29 Oct.—Round Table Series: "News Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

30 Oct.—Lecture and Discussion: No. 1 of seven sessions on "Starting Your Own Business." Oakland Business and Professional Men.

31 Oct.—Lecture and Discussion: "Automotive Industry Sales and Service." Mr. C. L. Scott (Scott Motor Co.).

1 Nov.—Lecture and Discussion: "Selling as a Vocation." Mr. H. M. Thomas (Dist. Mgr. Punch-Lok Co.).

2 Nov.—Lecture and Discussion: No. 2 of seven sessions on "Starting Your Own Business." Oakland Business and Professional Men.

### Knoll Keglers In 200-Pin Triumph

Last Friday evening saw the Oak Knoll kegling five trounce their guests, Fleet City, by a neat 200 pin margin. The hospital's alley tigers rolled 2712 against Shoemaker in a three-game match that featured high games of 600 and 574 by Don Starr and Tom Felix, respectively.

T. Smolky of Fleet City proved himself the steadiest roller of both teams by managing to chalk up three consecutive games of 192.

The Oak Knoll station bowling team muster lists the names of King, Wagner, Starr, Harris and Felix.

### District Tourney Seeks Hospital Fighting Men

Sp2/c Catalano, available at the caddy house, is looking for Oak Knoll men who want boxing experience.

The 12th ND boxing tournament is divided into two sections, experienced and inexperienced.

If you belong to either group and want to fight, see Catalano.

#### Surgery II

	FG.	F.	TP.
Jones	4	3	11
Paschal	0	0	0
Jeffers	1	0	2
Roik	1	0	2
Harkrader	1	0	2
Green	0	2	2
Slater	0	0	0
Liddell	0	0	0
Collins	0	0	0
Totals	7	5	19

### Compound League Schedule Set

The present bowling schedule calls for the men's compound league to roll on Tuesdays at 1700. The fairer sex drew Thursday and will bowl at the same time. B tries in this league can be made until Tuesday 30 October with Sp(A)3c Green.

For the first time, cash awards will go to high-score rollers each evening of league play. At the end of the tourney, super duper grand cash prizes and medals will be gifted. Amounts are available now, although there is every indication that no amateur standings will be threatened.

### MOIPHY . . .

By Penbert



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## Discharge Office For Hospital Staff Now In Operation

Busiest place on the compound today is Staff Personnel's Demobilization Office, Room 232, Administration Building Annex, where male enlisted staff members eligible for discharge are being processed out of the Navy.

Herbert Bowden, PhM 1/c, prepared to answer all questions pertaining to discharge, is running the office, with Robert M. Scott, PhM 2/c, as his assistant.

To date three groups have been demobilized here—35 fathers of three children, 20 men with 44 or more points, and 45 who left this week with 41 or more points. Work has already started on the next group, which will include approximately 60 eligible to leave December 1 with 39 points.

Major function of the office is to expedite Oak Knoll's demobilization program. In the case of men receiving discharges here—those who have homes, wives, cars, or jobs in the Twelfth Naval District—service jackets are worked up and all forms concerned with physical examinations are supplied. Dischargees, upon completion of these details, are sent to the Rehabilitation Office, Building 132, for a series of lectures by Lt. (jg) Walter C. Hawke, civil readjustment officer. Men being released here usually leave the compound within a week from the time processing begins.

The demobilizers' job is simpler when men are returning to centers nearest their place of enlistment. Jackets are brought up to date for filing with the Bureau of Personnel, and transportation arrangements are made. Considerable delay in transportation has been experienced since the Third Fleet's arrival, and men in this category stay on the job until notified that train accommodations are available.

Hardship cases are also handled through this office. Any man seeking discharge on this basis is advised to submit a letter for forwarding to BUPERS. Grounds for hardship may be one of three: (1) Dependency existing prior to enlistment, (2) Dependency arising subsequent to enlistment, (3) Own convenience.

## More Medals For Market Street

The President of the United States has authorized the presentation of an American Campaign Medal to all personnel of the land and naval forces of the U. S. who have served honorably on active duty for an accumulative period of one year within the continental limits of the U. S. between 7 December, 1941, and a future date to be announced later.

Congress has also authorized and directed a medal to be awarded to persons who shall have served on active duty in the Armed Forces of the United States or of the Government of the Philippine Islands during the present war. This medal is to be called the WORLD WAR II VICTORY MEDAL. Those eligible for this medal are Navy, Marine Corps or Coast Guard having served honorably during the period beginning December 7, 1941, and ending at a date to be announced later.

## November BUPERS Mag Borrows Our 'Moiphy'

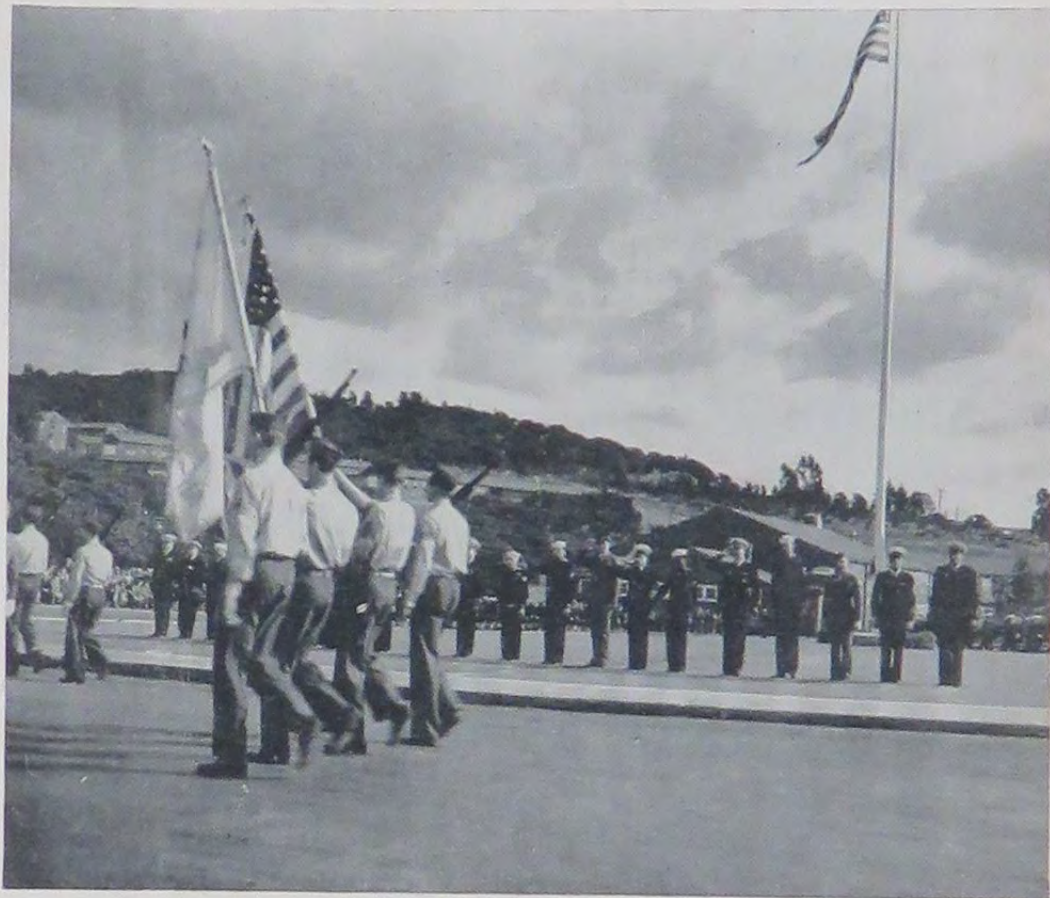
Lean, keen Johnny—the Pen Penberthy, ace Oak Leaf cartoonist, has again attracted national artistic acclaim. This time its BUPERS magazine "All Hands," which lifted the Moiphy below for reproduction in their November issue.

This is not the first time that Washington Naval publications have recognized the artistry of the *bon enfant et bon vivant*. The Hospital Corps Quarterly has frequently reproduced his work.



"The buttons are only tradition. It seems Lord Nelson had 13 weeks of boot camp."

## OLD GLORY ON PARADE



Photographer's ready camera catches powerful sight as Color Guard parades by honored awardees before presentation of citations on Gendreau Circle.

## All Hands Turn Out To Honor Heroes in Navy Day Celebration

More than 600 spectators gathered 'round Gendreau Circle to honor the 17 heroes who received citations last Saturday and to participate in Oak Knoll's observance of Navy Day.

Navy Crosses were awarded to 2nd Lt. Robert A. DeLong, USMC and Pfc. Conrad A. Schultz, USMC; Silver Stars went to Jack Ragsdale, PhM 2/c, USNR, Cpl. Clyde Shivers, Jr., USMCR, and William Rogers Hays, S 2/c, USNR. William E. Downey, AM 2/c, USNR, was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Medal. Five Bronze Stars were presented. Recipients were Lt. Fredric Shidler (MC), USNR, Lt. (jg) William E. Meyers, USNR, James L. Rodenfels, Coxswain, USNR, Ernest N. Chioulos, PhM 3/c, USNR, and Pfc. Emil E. Woods, USMCR.

### Commendations Given

R. W. Bray, CPhM, USN, and A. Johnson, StM 2/c, USNR, received Navy Commendation ribbons; and Andrew Mathews, MoMM 1/c, USNR, and George McDuffie, HA 1/c, USNR, both added the Presidential Unit Citation ribbon to

their list of decorations. The Army Distinguished Unit badge was awarded to Holger H. Andersen, CCM, USN, and the lone Purple Heart Medal awarded on this occasion went to Lt. John E. Barricklo, USNR.

Captain W. R. Manlove read the citations and Captain A. H. Dearing made the presentations.

As the strains of martial music died away, and nurses, cadets, doctors, corpsmen, and marines who participated in the ceremonies, went back to their duties, the 120 off-the-compound guests were grouped for tours of the hospital. With each group went a chief who served as guide and interpreter of the various services visited.

A quiet conclusion to the day's celebration was the organ recital in the new chapel. The music of B. Charles Wansley, SpW 1/c, Clarence Whiting, PhM 3/c, and Helen Smeby, HA 1/c, provided a pleasant interlude for the many guests assembled—as did the wedding of Alice Floyd, PhM 3/c, and Oscar Skogen of Beloit, Wis., inadvertently scheduled for the same hour as the musicale.



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## ● On Writing a Better Letter

Last week Vice Admiral Louis Denfeld, Chief of BUPERS, made an unprecedented announcement.

In a transcript of testimony given before the Senate military affairs committee in Washington, the Admiral said that the Navy doesn't mind and is even eager for sailors to inform their elected representatives of Fleet policies which they consider unfair.

Admiral Denfeld branded as "untrue" a senator's allegation that "reprisal" action would be taken against men who wrote Washington. Quoting the transcript, the Admiral replied to the Senator, "We welcome the men going to their congressmen, because these are the men that represent them. We have no objection whatever to their writing their congressmen. We welcome their letters so we can answer them."

Most graciously, then, Admiral Denfeld, by inference, has accepted the challenge of the hottest issue in Washington, the speed-up pressure that is being applied to service chiefs and solons to get men out of uniform fast. Perhaps better than any one else in the Navy, the Admiral knows that letters from the people on this controversial subject are arriving by the truckful daily. He knows that his announcement is sure to make the amount of the letters soar, and that most likely they'll now start arriving by the boxcarful. This will mean additional clerical help and additional hours of tedious, personal investigation. Perhaps it will cause the answering of more justified or more important requests to be delayed. But in the sincere interest of the individual sailor, Admiral Denfeld is willing to incur this supplementary burden.

The words were hailed in the press as a promising delivery from protocol. The idea of a serviceman being invited to write Washington requesting his own release, because of his own idea of extenuating circumstances, was greeted as a vigorous, desirable departure from custom.

Certainly there is no doubt that Admiral Denfeld's expression indicates a new high in military democracy and that it is consistent with the nation's highest ideals.

We salute him because as a representative of the Navy he has made this statement of super fair play. What is more, we think that the Admiral's words show remarkable courage. They were uttered to a nation less than one hundred days removed from its most awful war.

Especially is the Admiral's proposition sporting when one considers that the Navy's demobilization program, geared to a faster schedule than that of any other service, is actually ahead of plans.

And we also know that in the instance of demobilization the Navy has adjudged "fairness" liberally. For example, voluntarily releasing enlisted fathers of three, something no other service does.

We have the highest compliments for the over-all flavor of the Navy's demobilization policy as it now stands.

And we also feel that urging these letters represents the height of good public relations and good "morale."

But by no means is this an editorial urging the impulsive among us to write Washington and claim "unfair." Far from it!

Actually, the Admiral's reported statement kind of made us wish we weren't a quasi-official publication for just a column or two. Because, if we weren't, in contrast we would advocate a greater restraint on the part of some of these letter-writers.

If fact, we would urge that many of the efforts be re-directed positively, in support of a strong, adequate military that would guarantee the peace ten million men just finished winning.

We would urge all men and their families to write and implore Washington to muster-in strength rather than muster-out individuals.

We would urge that servicemen be patient before they seek to have their own particular case designated "unfair." We would urge this in deference to the thousands of men still overseas who have a pretty good—and impossible—case for "hardship" in their own rights.

We would ask you to write and write again to your representatives to keep this nation strong, to approve continued military training—and not to engage in letting down the dead by letting out the living imprudently.

## Tree Not Botanical, Just Mechanical



First of a series of hobbies brought to the compound by the Red Cross is the mechanical Christmas tree above with its creator, Max Esche. The tree rotates while onlookers, Marvin Smith, S2/c, Ward 61B, and Miss Grace Hunter of the Red Cross, decide which gift they would most like to pluck from its branches. Mr. Esche is volunteering his time to assist with craft work on the wards and in the Christmas Craftshop meetings each Tuesday evening.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, Berlyn V. Farris, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley, Walter M. Theobald.

### Sunday—

Communion Service ..... 0730  
Morning Service ..... 1000  
Evening Vespers ..... 1600

### Weekday—

Morning Devotions ..... 0730  
Vesper Service ..... 1600  
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)  
—1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.

Weekday Mass—0645 and 1630.  
Confessions before all Masses.  
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261.  
Divine Service—2000 Friday.  
J. W. B. representative and compound, Tuesdays and Fridays. Consult Chaplain's Office.

### Christian Science:

Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Remembering the Victories

Bill Stern tells an interesting story about Bob Zupke, famous coach of the "Fighting Illini." After producing winning football teams many years the tides of fortune began to roll the other way. The alumni began to call for a new coach.

One day, after a particularly sore defeat, Zupke returned to his home. He was a picture of despair—until Mrs. Zupke, understanding partner of many years, put her arms about him saying, "Never mind Bob. I remember only the victories."

"I remember only the victories." What better prescription for life can there be than that. Life is full of bitterness, full of defeated hopes, full of blasted ambitions, and he who thinks on these only is called a pessimist. But life is also full of glories. It is full of triumph over pain, full of victory over temptations. It is full of rainbows shining through the clouds, and the man who sees this becomes the optimist.

Looking at the history of the world we could indeed be turned to despair. Wars are only followed by more wars. Men are ever failing in their efforts to live in harmony one with another. The defeats become large. Yet at the same time with every defeat there has been a gain. The world has progressed, and only by forgetting its defeats and remembering its victories.

Years ago the world thought to destroy a Man and an Idea. Apparently life was defeated by the grave. Yet even that was overcome and the glory of the Christian religion lies not in the defeat of Calvary, but in the victory of the Resurrection. That is what the Christian world remembers. That's the glory of Christianity. That's what it can do for men and women. It can turn defeat into victory.

CHAPLAIN THEOBALD



## Our Doctor



Comdr. Paul W. Greeley  
MC(S), USNR

Dr. Greeley once looked upon skin grafts as "something to play with." Today they mean his life work and a new lease on normal life for hundreds of wounded men who have been under his care at Oak Knoll.

Born, reared, and schooled in Illinois, Dr. Greeley is a Chicagoan at heart and plans to return there when his work with the Navy is finished. He holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Illinois and received his medical training at Northwestern University.

Trained originally as a general surgeon, the desire to specialize in plastic work kept gnawing at his mind and eventually determined his course of action. Ten years ago, when plastic surgery was still in its infancy, he went abroad to get the training that placed him among the approximately 50 American specialists ready at the beginning of World War II to offer their skills to military hospitals.

### Studied Abroad

In London he studied under Sir Harold Gillies, who was largely responsible for reconstructive surgery among British wounded in the last war. Later, continuing as a voluntary assistant, he studied with Herr Professor Lexer, head of the department of surgery at the University of Freiburg. Here, the Oak Knoll surgeon became familiar with Professor Lexer's restorative work with German soldiers disfigured by World War I wounds.

Upon completion of his European studies, he returned to America to become head of the plastic surgery department at the University of Illinois and has been "stuck with the job ever since." His private practice was carried on at St. Luke's Hospital in Chicago. These two jobs he held concurrently until he joined the Navy and came to Oak Knoll in February, 1943.

"This is as far as I've been able to get in the Navy," Dr. Greeley said, apologetically, but with a wry smile that indicated he's really well satisfied with his assignment.

## Truman Orders Changes In Navy Dept. Control

(SEA).—Reorganization of the Navy Department to take advantage of improvements gained from wartime experience has been authorized by President Truman. SecNav has set up a board to work out the specific plan based on the Presidential order.

Under the proposed change Navy operations fall into three fundamental divisions—military affairs, general administrative matters and business and industrial management.

The post of Cominch would be abolished and its major functions transferred back to CNO, as before the war. Fleet Admiral E. J. King, USN, will hold both positions until the new organization is in full effect.

The executive order calls for two new offices: an office to coordinate the procurement, contracting and production activities, and a central office to coordinate research, experimental test and development projects of the Navy.

The reorganization plan authorizes new posts of deputy chiefs and "one or more" assistant chiefs in the naval bureaus. At present there are no deputy chiefs and only one assistant chief for each bureau.

Not until after the new structure has been set up and tried will the President recommend to Congress any statutory changes in the organization of the Navy.

His satisfaction with the set-up is enthusiastically shared by more than 400 patients still undergoing reconstructive treatment here.

### Department Has Grown

When he came to Oak Knoll, the commander was alone in the field. Now he is assisted by four recognized specialists and three doctors who are doing graduate work here. Under his direction Oak Knoll has become the largest reconstructive surgery center in the Navy, and the staff outnumbers similar groups in either Army or Navy. According to the chief of the service, the men at Oak Knoll have presented every type of plastic problem in the books and many that have never been written up.

Meeting these problems is a stimulating and engrossing task, and Dr. Greeley admits that after a long, busy day with the boys in Ward 74-B, his one desire is "to sit"—this he does at his Berkeley home with his wife and 14-year-old son, "Jul."

When the editor of an Ohio county seat newspaper mailed a notice to one Bill Jones to remind him that his subscription had expired, the note came back with a scrawled message: "So's Bill."

—Coronet.

## Bouquets to the Bourdases



Edna and Henry Bourdase, outstanding civilian workers on the compound, pose for the "Oak Leaf" cameraman.

(This is the first of a series of stories of civilian personnel who daily contribute their share toward the smooth running of Oak Knoll.)

Known affectionately around the compound as Edna and Henry, the Bourdases are the first two persons mentioned when efficiency among civilian personnel is discussed.

Both have received meritorious service awards based on attendance and length of service, and Henry has twice received the safe-driver award given by the National Safety Council to Navy drivers who have completed 12 months' work without a preventable accident.

Edna has been part of the hospital staff since way back when—having come here just three months after the hospital was commissioned. Only two civilians were on duty in the record office, and it wasn't an unusual evening that found Edna pounding her typewriter until 10 or 11 o'clock, getting a duty party on its way. Now, as secretary in Officer Staff Personnel, she reports arrivals and detachments of officers, records their promotions, straightens their pay accounts—in fact, in the case of an officer who arrives here on his first assignment, there are approximately 50 items included in the processing of his papers. Edna has even been known to climax an

officer's paper work by helping him locate a home for his family.

With Henry, the job is less complicated, but just as demanding. He answers calls, from 26 to 35 a day, on and off the compound. Mileage figures on his ambulance speedometer have long since passed the 25,000-mile mark.

Before coming to Oak Knoll, Edna worked for five years in the botany department at the University of California, and at one time—when she was 12½ years old—she was second stenographer at Kahn's. (The age is not a printer's error.) She had graduated from junior high school and completed an 18-months' course at the Gallagher-Marsh Business School before accepting the position. Henry was engaged in electrical maintenance work before his patriotic urge brought him to Oak Knoll.

Though both the Bourdases are synonyms for efficiency while on the job, they are firm believers in "all work and no play—." Fishing and hunting with his two boys, Edmond, 16, and Jackie, 14, is Henry's greatest pleasure. Diane Linda, 11, and her mother, like the outdoors, too, and all five are ardent moviegoers. Edna admits that she has a full-program with her hospital job and her household chores, but there's always time for fun.

## Welcome Aboard, Shipmates!

Up the gangway last week came 25 graduating corpsmen from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego. Best wishes go to these neophytes, best wishes for good duty and rapid advancement.

Many good ratings will be open in the near future. However, only regular Navy men are eligible to apply for technician schools. Further information may be obtained at the Staff Personnel Office, second deck, Main Administration Building.

Newest additions to the hospi-

tal staff are: Joseph Beauvais, Bernard Billingsley, Billy Boatright, Frederick Bronsdon, Jr., Robert Buenneke, Stanley Bukaty, Jr., Frederick Burgie, Bobby Carmichael, James Gallagher, Leland Gahrtrell, Charles Gilkerson, James Hamilton, Irvin Hull, William Kahn, Charley Mecartea, James Nordstrom, Bruce Plumer, David Piechert, Douglas Rice, Roland Rothman, Edmund Shmidt, Sidney Steinleger, Jack Stevenson, Dennis Stringer and Joe Wallace. Lt. (jg) J. A. CONLOW (HC), USN.



## Comes the Dawn



That Bugler Jack Bohm blows reveille too heavily is the unanimous verdict of the hundreds of staff corpsmen whom he arouses in wrath at 0600 daily. Bohm insisted the above picture be dubbed a fake. Claimed he, in executioner's tones, "I use a trumpet anyway."

## Starting-Own-Business Lecture Series Begins

A short series of lecture-discussions on "Starting Your Own Business" was begun this past week by the Educational Services Office. Meetings were held on Tuesday and Friday on selecting the appropriate business and planning the basic organization.

The course, which consists of seven sessions and which is taught by a faculty of business and professional men from Oakland, continues during this week and next. It is designed for service men who may contemplate starting their own business after separation from the service.

## Special Interest Program

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

6 November—No. 3 Lecture and Discussion of Course on "Starting Your Own Business." Oakland Business and Professional Men.

7 November—Round Table Discussion: "Getting THAT Job." Mr. W. P. Rue (Dist. Mgr. Field-Ernst Envelope Co.).

8 November—Lecture and Discussion: "The Wallpaper and Paint Business." Mr. P. L. Merrick (Owner Merrick's Wallpaper and Paints).

9 November—No. 4 Lecture and Discussion of Course on "Starting Your Own Business." Oakland Business and Professional Men.

# Legal Office a Firm, Fair Protector of All

Pillar and headstone of Oak Knoll's efficient disciplinary structure is the hush-hush Legal Department, under the firm direction of able, energetic Ens. Melvin A. Comstock.

Officially, his is the difficult concurrent role of hospital District Attorney and Attorney for the Defense. "Which brings up a point people should realize," Mr. Comstock explains. "The Navy's sword of justice is a two-edged blade, too. One edge to punish the guilty, the other to protect the innocent. Contrary to popular conception, under Naval justice the accused is not considered guilty until the "specifications" (indictments) of his charge are proved."

Thus the Legal Office functions as liaison agent between Naval personnel and justice itself. Although the office administers and promotes justice, it does not dispense it. Impartial courts-martial and inquiry boards do the actual trying and judicial investigation.

## Navy Justice Is Swift

In the Navy, administration of justice must perforce be accomplished without sentiment, without cognizance of emotion. There are no court scenes like those created by the glamour of the screen or the luxury of the novel. Traditionally justice is swift, yet it is not oppressive. Rights of the accused under the Constitution and Navy articles and regulations are thoroughly respected. Verdicts are reached only after pertinent facts have been placed before the court.

Getting those facts are the most vital consideration of Mr. Comstock's office. All facts of fundamental value to a case are completely exposed, that the defense of the individual can be honestly forwarded and the prosecution of the Navy fairly advanced.

The Legal Department is the hospital's agent with police authorities of the state, county and neighboring cities as well as Naval Intelligence and the FBI. In this capacity the department is quick to aid hospital personnel who have been incarcerated off the compound or are being held on questionable charges by civilian authorities. At the same time, the Legal Department is the machine that springs offenders from the local brig as quickly and as often as possible.

## Office Guards Rights of All

But the Legal Department's duty of protection does not begin or end with the safeguarding of rights of offenders. Of utmost importance are the legal rights of all hospital personnel with outsiders. Here, recently, the Legal Department moved swiftly and effectively. Renegade taxicab drivers, in violation of their companies' own rules as well as city ordinances, had been overcharging Oak Knoll-



Administrators of hospital justice, these five members of the Legal Department are Barbara Krieger PhM3c, Dorothy Quellmalz PhM3c, Ens. Melvin Comstock, Miss Shirley Enos and Richard Newman PhM1c.

ers on trips from the main gate to downtown Oakland and San Francisco. The Legal Department apprehended nearly a dozen drivers as they parked by the gate and turned them over to metropolitan police. The police punished the offending drivers stiffly and the malpractice stopped.

Mr. Comstock would have you understand that his office does not exist for the express purpose of feeding a daily quota of offenders to the brig. In fact, he'll tell you quite frankly that he wishes there was never a necessity for holding anyone. He has seen too often that, where crime is concerned, the Navy is actually the least to suffer. "In most cases it is unfortunately the man's family that bears the heaviest brunt of the suffering, economically and socially.

## Mr. Comstock Urges Forethought

"Forethought—plain forethought—on the part of any man can save himself, his family and the Navy lots of wasteful trouble. Most men who break rules do so with a full knowledge of the consequences and their seriousness. Yet these men yield to impulse, and invariably they are apprehended."

Mr. Comstock concluded, "We ask these men who have personal legal problems that are worrying them to come to our office and avail themselves freely of the helpful facilities at our command. Many sailors are driven by worry to the thoughtless breaking of important rules, particularly AWOL. We have often solved the problems of these men in the office or have arranged a program that makes the actual breaking of rules unnecessary. We want to do this in justifiable cases; we want to keep men out of trouble by talking to them beforehand and making trouble unnecessary."

Besides the morbid business of

courts-martial, the Legal Office renders interpretations of Naval law, makes decisions on questionable regulation matters and provides legal review of officer promotions.

## Department Staff a Keystone

The enlisted and civilian staff of Mr. Comstock's office holds one of the most vital, important positions on the compound. As reporters and recorders they take trial testimonies in shorthand and then prepare the official papers which become permanent case records. This work requires an alert sense of accuracy and dependability. Available for these tasks are Miss Shirley Enos, Barbara Krieger PhM3c, Dorothy Quellmalz PhM3c and Richard Newman PhM1c.

Incidentally, because the office must deliver official papers and summon witnesses with utmost celerity, the department is the only one to rate both a runner and a bicycle. Doing both the running and the cycling is Patient Norman Cox S1c.

## Mutual Aid Association Reopens Membership

Announcement of the re-opening of membership in the Navy Mutual Aid Association was received this week by Captain Dearing.

All regular, permanently commissioned and warrant officers of the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard who are on the active list and not over 45 years of age, midshipmen of the Navy, and cadets of the Coast Guard, are eligible for membership.

Captain Dearing will be glad to explain the advantages of this organization to those interested.



# Historic Setting Distinguishes USNH, Norfolk, Virginia



Upper left shows front entrance of spacious Wave barracks. Upper right: Patients indulge in a swift game of tennis. Lower left: The chapel is strictly colonial in architectural pattern. Lower right: All rolling equipment turns out for inspection.

Of colonial design and permanent construction are the buildings that house U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, Va. The hospital, adjoining the Naval Operating Base, is located just seven miles from the heart of Norfolk, long known as a city of sailors.

Nearing completion on the compound is a new ship's service building where the ship's store, fountain and other facilities will soon be open for business. Recreational opportunities for the patient with compound liberty are numerous. Games are scheduled daily at the tennis, handball, badminton and volleyball courts. Baseball and softball diamonds, horseshoe pits and the gymnasium are also scenes of daily activity. In the summer-time frequent parties are held in the picnic groves that add year-round beauty to the hospital grounds.

Theaters on the compound as well as at the Naval Training Station, Fleet Park, and Norfolk Receiving Station, entertain the movie-going crowd with two shows daily.

## Recreation Offered

Bathing beaches near Norfolk are numerous, and there are at least six golf courses that are within easy reach of the hospital.

Most distinctive of the excursions offered by the surrounding area is that which takes the patient to Williamsburg, the historical restoration project where a fortune has been spent in planning an authentic old colonial town. There

early American industries are practiced; clothes typical of the days of '76 are worn on the streets, and bread made from hand-ground grain may be bought in the shops.

The Hampton Roads area, scene of the famous battle of the iron-clads—the Monitor and Merrimac—lures many a patient-tourist, as do the old cities of Jamestown and Yorktown. From the hospital it is only five miles north by ferry to Newport News, where there is much to see at the Mariners' Museum.

## Motor Launch Rides

Twenty-minute motor launch rides are arranged for men who wish to visit old Point Comfort, location of historic Fortress Monroe. Also of interest because of its history is nearby Hampton, oldest English settlement in the United States.

Medical care? The U. S. Naval Hospital, Norfolk, provides it. The finest equipment, expert treatment and nursing care that typify a well-run, efficiently-staffed Navy hospital are provided for all personnel admitted there. The rehabilitation and educational services are also major departments in the hospital organization.

Anyone who saw vehicle hit 1941 gray Plymouth convertible in parking lot between Wards 60 and 61 on October 25th, please call Doerr at Ext. 70A.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

## Wanted to Rent . . .

Furnished house or apartment, Lt. (jg) Herbert V. Davis (MC), USNR; Ward 80A.

Two-bedroom cottage or apartment at a reasonable price. If you know of such a place, contact Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Duncan, Graphic Arts Dept., Phone 183.

## For Rent . . .

Room for couple with home privileges, \$50 a month. Two blocks from bus. 10825 Beverly Ave. Call Sweetwood 4453 in evening or Trinidad 4325 during day, and ask for Loretta Malcolm.

## For Sale . . .

Maple living room pieces in excellent condition; secretary, coffee table, lamp table, rocker, occasional chair, lounge chair and ottoman, magazine rack. Will sell together for \$150 or separately. See Al Hugueny in Post Office, or 4219A St. Andrews Rd., Santa Cruz Is. Village (just east of compound).

Wedding and Engagement Ring Set, size 10; platinum settings; fishtail design; blue-white diamonds. Designed by Shreve & Co., San Francisco jewelers.

Contact L. A. Kerfoot, USMC, Ward 82A, during day.

## Lost . . .

Brown wallet, initials JRH stamped on inside: Lost on compound. Please return to Jas. R. Harrell, S1c, Ward 79B. Wrist watch, man's. "Incabloc" make, stainless steel, expanding band. Lost Saturday night (Navy Day). If found please notify Ch. Pharm. A. Brock in Room 217, BOQ.

## Personal . . .

Will anyone who might have known Joseph Caplicki, formerly of the USS Houston, please contact Mrs. Woolworth at 2129 Parker, Berkeley. Telephone BE 1560-W.

Will anyone who might have known James Edward Barnes, BM 1/c, captured on Wake Island and believed later to have been a prisoner of war at Osaka Prison, Japan, please contact Mrs. Mabel Barnes, 1907 Center St. (Apt. 8), Berkeley. Telephone Ash. 7194.

Anyone who knew Sgt. Robert Wm. Blundell overseas is asked to contact the Office of Public Information, rear annex, second deck, Main Administration Bldg. Sgt. Blundell, wounded at Iwo Jima, was attached to Co. F, 2nd Battalion, 9th Marine, 3rd Division. He was in M Co., 3rd Battalion, during Bougainville and Guam.



## CASE OF THE WEEK

Navy Birdmen, With Wings Clipped,  
Feather Plaster Nest On Ward 40A

Navy pilots, Ens. Vincent Daley and Lt. John Bridges, hospitalized together and with similar injuries; proving that wounded birds of a feather flock together.

In the ranks of the animal kingdom it's a long hop from bird to shellfish, but the leap seems to have been accomplished by two Navy birdmen now reposing in 40A under the care of the Oak Knoll orthopedic surgeons.

For, six weeks ago, Lt. Johnnie Bridges and Ensign Vincent Daley made their way about the world on Navy fighter wings. Both flew Corsair F4U's. Both crashed. Both came out of it alive, but with compression fractures of the vertebrae—a more formidable-sounding injury when called a "broken back." And both ended up in the same room in this hospital, snugly encased from neck to hips in plaster which would appear designed to make molluscs out of them.

But here the similarity ends. Bridges points north while Daley points south. Bridges lies supine, while Daley spends most of his time prone. Bridges has fractures of the ninth and tenth thoracic vertebrae (the two vertebrae with which the ninth and tenth ribs articulate), while Daley has a fracture of the second lumbar vertebra (located in the small of the back). Bridges has already risen on the phylogenetic scale by becoming a bivalve. That is, he has had his cast split on each side, so that it can be lifted off. Now he spends a good bit of his time knowing how it feels to be served in the "half-shell."

## Motor Fails

Lt. Bridges, of Shelby, N. C., was zooming through the Nevada blue on September 27th when his motor failed him and forced a well-judged power-off landing in a shallow lake. But just as his plane was about to settle on the water the long prop of the Corsair caught the mud of the bottom and brought the nose down to result in a jolt-

ing stop. This "jack-knifed" Bridges in the cockpit and was the direct cause of compressing the main supporting structures of the two involved vertebrae. His spinal cord was pinched in the process, too, for he sat in the cockpit paralyzed below the waist for an hour and a half before he determined to pull himself out of the plane with his arms. Then he waited another three and a half hours before being retrieved by a rescue squad. By this time he had recovered feeling and power in his legs.

At Oak Knoll on the next day Bridges was subjected to something that might be compared with the bed of Procrustes. In order to insure against further injury to his spinal cord, and to put the spine in a position where it would heal in proper posture, Bridges had to be literally suspended from supports at shoulders and knees only, putting him in the sway-backed position of "hyperextension." Then the cast was applied—a heavy "Minerva" that would have made an ironclad envious.

## Loses Leg Power

This wasn't the end of the story, though, for once the cast was on, Bridges began to lose the feeling and power in his legs again. This called for a weighty consultation among "orthopods" and neurologists, which brought forth the opinion that a hemorrhage had occurred inside the spinal cord, causing compression of the nerve fibers. The best policy, it was decided, was "hands off." The policy was a wise one. Gradually feeling

and movement have come back, so that now Bridges can walk a bit.

Now he waits, quite patiently, for time to heal all things, which it is evident that she will do. And though he has time now to tell of the Jap planes he shot down, the greatest detail he will divulge is in the statement, "Well, I saw a few go down."

This is the second time Ensign Daley, a Brooklynite, has had his wings clipped, and this time literally. In a head-on night crash with another plane, Daley managed to bail out and float 9,000 feet to the ground by parachute—all without being able to remember anything of the episode except the take-off in his plane. This amnesia remains a supreme disappointment to him, for he says it was always his desire to know how it feels to drift down in a chute.

Luckier than Bridges, Daley was never paralyzed, but has had to endure additional fractures of the right arm and left leg. He, too, had to be put up in a hyperextension cast to prevent healing of his spine in a stooped position.

## Much Hospitalized

Daley rather bitterly epitomizes his flying career by pointing out that he has spent "most" of his time in hospitals. Four and a half months were passed in the dispensary of the Naval Air Station at Sanford, Fla., after Daley, still attached to his cockpit seat, was rudely plucked out of his plane by a pine-top he was attempting to avoid at well over 200 knots.

That didn't cool his zeal for flying, however, and it doesn't look as though this present episode or anything else ever will. He has applied for transfer to the regular Navy. And, to carry the similarity of these two patients further, so has Bridges.

## Off the Bookshelf

Looking for something to make time pass more quickly? Try finding a hobby. Your library has a lot of books to help you find one that suits your taste and pocketbook. Or, if your hobbies are already lined up these titles may give you some new angles on them.

## General

*How to Ride Your Hobby*, by Collins.

*The Complete Book of Model Crafts*, by Reynolds.

*The Book of Indoor Hobbies*, by Stieri.

## On Collecting

*All About Stamps*, by Hallgren.

*The Primer of American Antiques*, by Dreppard.

*Coin Collecting*, by Coffin.

*The Field Book of Common Rocks and Minerals*, by Loomis.

*The Record Book*, by Hall.

## Some Animal Possibilities

*The Complete Dog Book*, by the American Kennel Club.

*Horses*, by Self.

*Beekeeping for Profit and Pleasure*, by Webb.

*Birds of America*, by Audubon.

*Tropical Fishes*, by Coates.

*Animals of the World*, by May Spadden.

## Creative Arts

*Pottery Made Easy*, by Dougherty.

*On Soap Sculpture*, by Gaba.

*Fun With Clay*, by Leeming.

*Whittling and Wood Carving*, by Tangerman.

*Leathercraft as a Hobby*, by Pyle.

*Fun With a Pencil*, by Loomis.

*Anyone Can Paint*, by Zaidenberg.

*Jewelry, Gem Cutting and Metalcraft*, by Baxter.





## "Pranks for Yanks" Drew Oak Knoll's Thanks—Instead of Blanks!



Proving that vaudeville is no deader than you feel, these members of the USO Show, "Pranks For Yanks," brought heartening cheers from the capacity crowd that witnessed their variety bill in the Ship's Service auditorium. In the first shot, Allen & Delaine share a harmonica with each other; second is lovely Audrey Dodds; third pic is that of the highly-applauded Lyons and Lynn number; finally, a view of Jerry Yogan, blind troubador.

USO's lily-white variety show, "Pranks for Yanks," won roaring, spontaneous favor here from a capacity auditorium audience plainly pleased with honest, down-to-earth vaudevillian enterprise. The acts were clean, fast and entertaining; the showmen drew good hands and plenty of encores.

This was in pleasant contrast to some of the past USO shows, which were about as funny as a year of boot camp, and needed the catalyst of a shady story every five minutes to keep the audience from ripping out the bulkheads as they zoomed for the closest exit.

### Plenty of Hubbas

Not that the boys watched this one with a total absence of "hubba-hubba's." There were plenty of them, thousands in fact, when the opening number, Mary Lee, tap-danced. For scores of POW's in the audience, this was a "first sight" of a lovely, dancing red-head and the event didn't go uncommemorated. Nor did Act II in the (terrific) form of Audrey Dodds, Hollywood singer.

A novelty acrobatic act, the Three Welles started out as an enjoyable-respite but ended with the skillful performers looking less tired than the worried audience.

Next came Jerry Yogan, blind guitarist, and singer of popular and western songs. His mellow voice and light-hearted playing made his number an instant hit. The amiable singer drew no less than four encores.

### Harmonica Duo Popular

Reluctantly the audience allowed Yogan to yield the stage to Allen and Delaine, harmonica duo who, spiritedly playing a single large harmonica together, managed an entire act without a single kiss.

What the pair lacked in display romance they made up in musical talent and scored a lively appreciation with the crowd.

Lyons and Lynn provided the best ventriloquist number we've seen since Bergen and Miss Lynn is definitely something worth wiring home to mom about.



The family Preston, Mr. and Mrs., were the coordinating m. c.'s who also offered a magic act which befuddled no one, because it wasn't intended to, but brought its over-the-quota number of laughs.

The group also appeared on wards throughout the hospital and drew the same grateful response.

### Insurance Note For POW's

If you carried no Government Insurance while you were a Prisoner of War you were issued \$5,000 gratuitously.

This gratuitous policy must be converted to Contract Insurance within six (6) months of your release from Prisoner of War status.

See your Benefits and Insurance Officer, third floor of Post Office Building, should you desire further information.

### Employment Director In 'Salesmanship' Discussion

You may not want to be a full-time professional salesman, but you will have to sell **yourself** to someone to get a good job.

Better come out to hear and see the right technique demonstrated by a successful employment director here in the Oakland area—Winfield T. Rue.

He will conduct a lecture-demonstration-discussion session from 900 until 1100 Wednesday, 7 November, in Room C of the Educational Services Offices.

### Plan Jap Battleship For Atom Bomb Experiment

(CNS).—Latest guinea pig for atomic bomb research is the 32,000-ton Jap battleship Nagato, which once withstood an attack by 500 U. S. planes. The plan is to tow the big battle-wagon 500 miles out to sea and have an atomic bomb dropped on her from the air. This experiment is expected to determine what effect the bomb will have on a single ship and just what it will do in water.

### GREY LADIES DON CAPS



Captain Dearing stood by as 150 Grey Ladies were capped in ceremonies held recently at the Officers' Club. Miss Dorothea Kembel and Miss Donna Henderson presented the caps, which signify completion of training and readiness for service in whatever capacity they are most needed on the wards of Oak Knoll.



# The Sporting Scene

## Women's Basketball

Two Oak Knoll feminine fives will enter the 12th ND loop tourney. Listed for participation are a Wave quintet, captained by Jean Dennison, PhM2c, and a nurse team, co-captained by Lt. Stockhausen and Ens. Warner. The civilian loop-la-la's are directed by Veronica Resh.

Basketball practice is held weekly at Mills College. Waves and civilians experiment Tuesday at 1800 and nurses and cadets Wednesday at 1800. The courtgals never fail to avail themselves of Mills' pleasant offer of a stimulating swim after each session in the college's outdoor heated pool.

## Women's Bowling

Oak Knoll's women's bowling tourney will hit the timber Thursday, Nov. 8. Indications are that three Wave teams, one Red Cross, one nurse and one civilian team will comprise the play. Team and individual prizes will be gifted at the end of league play and a compound trophy will be awarded the championship squad.

## Wall Paper, Paint Business To Be Discussion Topic

Have you considered the fact that it will be years before this nation catches up on its housing problem? That looks like nice pickings for anyone who is interested in the wallpaper and paint business, for there will have to be some wholesale house-renovation as well as wholesale house-building.

P. L. Merrick, owner of one of Oakland's leading wallpaper and paint businesses, is going to speak to the Special Interest program group about opportunities in this field. Anyone on the compound who is interested, either as a vocational possibility or as a homeowner, is welcome to attend.

His lecture will be given Thursday, 8 November, in Room C of the Educational Services Offices, topside Marine Detachment Building.

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday—"Hold That Blonde," Eddie Bracken and Veronica Lake  
1715 and 1930  
Saturday—"Johnnie Comes Marching Home," Allen Jones 1730 and 1930  
Sunday—"Enchanted Forest," Edmund Lowe and Brenda Joyce  
1715 and 1930  
Monday—"Stepping in Society," Edward Everett Horton and Gladys George  
1730 and 1930

## All Sports

Team followers and sporting enthusiasts are invited to pogo-stick to Room 209 in the Ship's Service Building and garner their choice of Annie Oakleys, good for the following events: All U. of Cal. home football games; professional boxing in Oakland on Wednesday nights; professional wrestling in Oakland on Friday nights; patient fishing parties every Monday morning; professional football games in Oakland and San Francisco on Sundays.

## Men's Basketball

Next workout for the station basketball team will be Monday at Hayward High. Players will leave from bowling alley at 1815.

## Men's Bowling

There are openings for three additional teams, for Monday night bowling, in the compound kegler league. Interested rollers should contact Leonard Green Sp(A)3c at the bowling alleys. Incidentally, this is the same Green that so assiduously keeps the hospital alleys looking like Crystal Lake. The bright woodwork never fails to draw favorable comment from inspecting parties.

The station bowlers scored another successive triumph last week, humbling the Oakland Naval Supply Depot by 200 pins.

## Mat Spats

Oak Knoll boxers who want to enter the 12th ND boxing tournament should see Catalano at the athletic field house. There is plenty of training equipment there for them, available at all hours.

## Navy May Scrap Six Battleships

(SEA).—Six old battleships and two old carriers are proposed by the Navy to be scrapped, and a third carrier, the "Enterprise," is proposed as a naval relic.

The battleships are the "Arkansas," launched in 1911; the "Texas" and "New York," launched in 1912; the "Nevada," 1914; the "Pennsylvania," 1915; and the "Mississippi," 1917.

The carriers the Navy plans to dispose of are the "Saratoga," launched in 1925, and the "Ranger," launched in 1933. Secretary Forrestal has asked President Truman's approval of the Navy plan to preserve the "Enterprise" as a symbol of the achievements and spirit of all naval units in the war.

Want Something You Can Sink Your Teeth Into?



The above cake may look good enough to eat, but doing so would require a corrugated wind pipe and a cast iron stomach. Of pink plaster, it was made by the Dental Prosthetic Lab boys for Dr. T. H. Baumann on his natal day. The adorning candles are wax sticks.

## BABES IN ARMS

In the war of 1812, youths of 18 and 19 would have been considered veterans. Admiral David Farragut was appointed a midshipman at the age of nine. Just after his second birthday, Samuel Barron was notified of his midshipman status—but he had to wait until he was 11 before he went on his first cruise. Nathaniel Ingraham and Louis Goldsborough had both been under fire and were seasoned old tars before they were 12. —Coronet.

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## Jive Jumpin' at All Hands Jig



Navy Day and Halloween were two good reasons for dancing to the music of John Brook's Armed Guard Swing Band on the night of October 29, and a large crowd turned out for the festivities. All arrangements were made by the Serv-a-Hospital Committee of the Oakland Jewish Committee in conjunction with the National Jewish Welfare Board. Inset shows WAVES Kay Montandon and Nita Frost at the refreshment bar.

## Marines to Dance Tonight At S. F. Civic Auditorium

An affair which will rival the traditional college campus homecomings is the dance on November 10th, scheduled for San Francisco's Civic Auditorium, at which Marines of this city will be host to other Marines and ex-Marines. The "Anniversary Waltz" will sound even sweeter as the Leathernecks congregate on the 170th anniversary of the founding of the Marine Corps, America's oldest military organization.

All Bay Area Marines are invited. They may bring guests, and their uniform will admit them to the dance, which starts at 8 p. m.

### MOVIE SCHEDULE

Friday 9 November—"It All Came True," Ann Sheridan and Humphrey Bogart, 1700 and 1930.

Saturday 10 November—"Fashion Model," Robert Lowery and Marjorie Weaver, 1730 and 1930.

Sunday 11 November—"Snafu," Nanette Parks and Robert Benchley, 1715 and 1930.

Monday 12 November—"Good Morning, Judge," Dennis O'Keefe and Mary Beth Hughes, 1730.

All Hands Dance, sponsored by Welfare and Recreation, 2030.

## Seek All Hands Aid in Victory Bond Campaign

The eighth and final War Bond drive—the Victory Loan—has arrived, and the Security Office, under the direction of Lt. (jg) Reams A. Price, is prepared to handle all purchasers. The drive began Oct. 29 and will extend until Dec. 8.

In previous campaigns Oak Knoll bond buyers have established enviable records and the highmark of all drives is expected in this one.

Theme of the drive was ably put by W. W. Crocker, chairman of the Northern California War Finance Committee. He said, "In addition to funds needed to pay for equipment and supplies used in the final stages of the war, there must be met the colossal cost of returning our fighting forces to their homes from battlefronts around the world, as well as the cost of caring for the wounded men and rehabilitating those who left civilian life to answer the call to arms."

Oak Knollers who wish to secure Victory Loan Bonds above their regular allotments can buy them at the Security Office.

## Oak Knoll Units to Parade In Armistice Celebration

Armistice Day, 1945—when veterans of World War II join in honoring those who gave their lives in the first great war—will be the occasion for the greatest November 11th celebration in many years.

Oak Knoll will have its share in the city of Oakland's activities, scheduled for Monday, November 12th, when platoons of Waves, nurses and corpsmen march in the full military parade scheduled to proceed up Broadway from Seventh Street at 10 a. m. Also taking part in the colorful spectacle will be 24 patient-guests of the Disabled Veterans' Association. They will ride in the parade and will later be feted at a 12:30 luncheon in the City Club Hotel. A. W. V. S. drivers will provide transportation.

Again at 8:30 p. m. the hospital

will be represented in a pageant that will climax city-wide festivities. "A World United in Victory and in Peace" is the appropriate theme of the patriotic demonstration in which military organizations in the Oakland area and costumed representatives of 48 United Nations will take part. A Navy medical unit composed of 15 members of the Oak Knoll staff will appear in the pageant.

A Coast Guard band and Oakland Technical High School's ROTC band unit will provide marching music to lead the group into the arena of the Civic Auditorium for the evening program. Units of the British Navy, Royal Australian Air Force and Canadian Mounted Police will be escorted by Oakland's kilt-clad bagpipers.

## Hospital a Gracious 'Dutch Uncle' To 234 Repatriated Nephews

Two hundred and thirty-four officers and men of the Royal Netherlands Navy are Oak Knoll's newest guests from the Allied family of nations. The Dutchmen are ex-Japanese internees, captured in the first days of the war at Dutch East Indies ports or aboard ship in the Indian Ocean and southwest Pacific. All were held in Japanese home-island camps until V-J Day.

Upon release the men were given their choice of returning to Dutch colonial possessions, proceeding to Australia, or beginning the long trek homeward. Length of their stay here will be determined by two factors. One is the extent of immediate medical treatment required to combat conditions imposed by the rigors of four years' capture, and the other is the availability of shipping transportation from New York harbor to Holland.

All have expressed favorable comment about America, Oak Knoll and the attention they are receiving. The amiable, jocular Dutchmen quickly won the compound's heart when it was finally discovered who they were, although recognition was delayed a bit because of the Army winter-issue clothing they wore. They acquired their first new set of clothes

in Manila. Now they are drawing American sailors' blues.

Scores of trades were consummated between the Netherlands and American sailors here. Twenty-four hours after the repatriates arrived, a Dutch sailor's white hat was practically impossible to locate. Most of them were mysteriously disappearing into patients' lockers and corpsmen's barracks. Meanwhile, the Dutch lads were blossoming forth in the less picturesque head garb of the blue-jacket.

The handsome Hollanders moved fast on another score, too. They rapidly polished their ready knowledge of English to bring it up to date—as Penberthy has so graphically illustrated below.





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## • Eighteen Hundred and Seventy-five Pennies Saved Are Twenty-five Dollars Earned

One of the puzzling phenomena of this war has been the consistently high rate of War Bond purchases maintained by service people. The percentage of Army and Navy personnel that purchases War Bonds is preponderant, far greater than any other large professional or lay group.

"Why," civilians ask when they hear the impressive totals, "do they do it? How can they afford the expense? Their income is small enough, why do they incur this additional drag? Are War Bonds forced on them?"

There is good sense, plain and evident, why soldiers, sailors and marines buy their War Bonds. One truth civilians should realize most clearly: "force" has nothing to do with it.

We buy War Bonds, first of all, because we honestly feel it's patriotic. We probably never believed inside that the munitions would have stopped rolling if the bonds had stopped selling, but still we didn't want to take the chance of that stoppage. Besides, we knew that the materials of war had to be paid for. We knew buying War Bonds supported that payment but, more important, we knew that our purchases were a cold, genuine support of our government. And that was what we wanted to do: support our government with our capital as well as our labor. Most of us welcomed the opportunity to buy bonds and most of us felt proud to do so.

We also bought bonds because it was an easy way to save. It was good economic judgment to set so much aside monthly to provide for our future, or someone else's if war should cut short our own.

We may have been caught in a mass bond-buying hysteria, but we were not caught unwillingly. We listened cautiously to educational advertising about "inflation hedges" and "safest investment in the world" and complicated interest payment. A lot of the time we couldn't understand this fully. Usually we could understand just enough of it to make it seem true and good. Bonds became desirable and we bought.

Service men bought bonds more and more as they came closer and closer to the realities of war. Better than any group they recognized the cost of conflict. They didn't learn it through advertising copy; they learned it through their own experience.

In this Victory War Bond drive, will we again lead the field? Our past record supplies the answer, and that answer is undeniably "yes."

The emotion involved in bond purchasing has not changed. Patriotism is still at the head of the list.

But the clouds in front of "reason why" have cleared considerably. Reality has made these "reasons why" painfully clear.

This time, more than ever before, we'll have to buy bonds to protect anew the investments at home for which we fought overseas.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley.

### Sunday—

Communion Service .....1100  
 Morning Service .....1000  
 Evening Vespers .....1930

### Weekday—

Morning Devotions .....0730  
 Vesper Service .....1600  
 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel) —1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.  
 Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.  
 Confessions before all Masses.  
 Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons. Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Jewish:

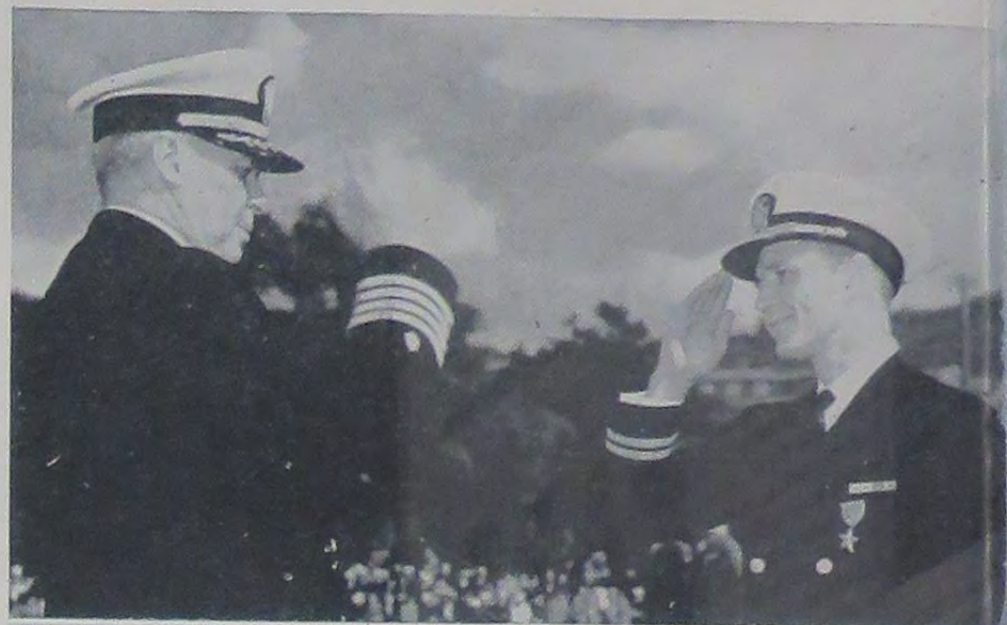
Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 261. Divine Service—2000 Friday.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

### Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

## Captain Honors Staff Doctor and 'Do



Among the twenty heroes honored by Capt. A. H. Dearing (MC), USN, medical officer in command, at Navy Day citation ceremonies were two members of the hospital staff. Dr. Frederic P. Shiddle, medical officer on Ward 71B, was awarded the Bronze Star. He served aboard the DD, USS Taylor, and the APH, USS Pinkney.

Winner of the Silver Star was Jack Ragsdale, PhM2c, who distinguished himself with the F.M.F. at Tarawa and Saipan.

## Officers Detached

Lt. Comdr. M. Leon Tancer (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) William H. Todd (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Irwin O. Ginsberg (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Stanley Diamond (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Lorne H. Hardaker, H(S), USNR; Lt. (jg) Hanson L. Dupont (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Norborn B. McCorvey (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Keith Aull (MC), USNR; Comdr. Harold E. Kerr (DC), USNR; Comdr. Merrill C. Mensor (MC), USNR; Lt. Berlyn V. Farris, ChC, USNR; Lt. (jg) John L. Hollingsworth (DC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Walter M. Theobald, ChC, USNR; Lt. (jg) Jane E. Perry, W-USNR; Pharm. Charles E. Christley, HC, USNR.

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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Armistice Day

In many respects, November has a deeper and richer significance for the average American than any of the other months. Not only does it mark the season of harvest when the farmer reaps what he has sown, not only does it represent the climax of the intercollegiate athletic year, not only does it reveal its glory and grandeur in the great forests of our land, but also it leaves its imprint upon the soul of each one of us. It is the month in which we observe Armistice Day and Thanksgiving.

This year, more than ever, Armistice Day means much to the individual. In view of the fact that the world is theoretically at peace, our thoughts are centered upon those brave and heroic men who gave voluntarily that last full measure of devotion to their country, who fell in battle in the defense of freedom and liberty. As we pause in prayer on November 11th, let us remember each one of our comrades, dead, wounded and living, not only of this war, but also of the previous wars.

The finest and most reverent tribute which we the living can pay our fallen comrades is to preserve our God-given heritage, to worship the God of our Fathers in sincerity and in truth, and to fulfill to the best of our ability the noble ideals and dreams of our shipmates who are no longer with us. Let us keep faith with them.

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN



## Our Doctor



Lt. Comdr. Stuart C. Runkle, MC, USNR.

It's a broad jump from eye, ear, nose and throat specialist to psychiatrist, but Dr. Runkle has made the hurdle successfully and to his own deep satisfaction.

Our doctor enjoys tackling any type of psychiatric problem, and during his stay at Oak Knoll he has had ample opportunity to meet the challenge presented by each new case. Because of his deep personal interest in the men he has worked with on Wards 79-B, 49-A and 51-A, it was with real reluctance that on October 27th he accepted the post of chief of the Psychiatric Service.

### Philadelphia Was Home

Dr. Runkle is a Philadelphian by birth, education and practice. He graduated from Penn State in 1927 and did a year's advanced study at the University of Pennsylvania before going to Jefferson Medical College, where he received his MD degree in 1932.

His medical practice began at the Methodist Hospital in Philadelphia with three years of EENT work. In 1935, at the death of his father, he inherited a large general practice that kept him busy night and day for the next seven years. Then came the opportunity for

specialization in the field for which he is so well known here at Oak Knoll.

### Trained in Palo Alto

The Veterans' Administration Hospital in Palo Alto offered a six weeks' course in psychiatric training. Their idea was to advance psychiatry and especially to find one good man for their staff. Sixteen doctors entered the competitive class, and Dr. Runkle modestly admits that he came out on top and stayed at the Palo Alto Hospital for a year and a half before joining the Navy and coming to Oak Knoll in January, 1944. Today he heads a staff of 15 trained Navy psychiatrists.

Lt. Comdr. and Mrs. Runkle, with their 12-year-old daughter, Maybelle, live quietly at their hillside home near the hospital, where the doctor enjoys reading, entertaining his many friends, and making color movies. Although he's notably a live wire on the job, Dr. Runkle claims there's nothing about his private life that would interest the reader.

"I was really interesting when I was in high school and college, though—" he added as an afterthought.

In case anyone has noticed a flair for the dramatic in our doctor, it isn't to be wondered at. In school he was a prominent actor in dramatic productions and reluctantly admits that he was once leading lady in a Thespian Club production. His club once was awarded first prize in a Theatre Magazine competition. In the winning drama young Stuart C. Runkle had the juvenile lead!

Dischargee: "Will this suit hold its shape?"

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## They Discharge Nation's Obligations



Herbert Bowden, PhM1c, and Robert M. Scott, PhM2c, in charge of the demobilization office in the Administration Building Annex, talk over the attractions of civilian life with Gordon Heltzel, PhM2c, who was being processed out of the Navy as the picture was taken.

## Chaplain Straus Releases Jewish Service Program

Chaplain H. Cerf Straus, assistant to the District Chaplain, announces that Jewish religious services are now being held at the newly dedicated chapel every Friday evening in cooperation with the Hospital Service Department of the National Jewish Welfare Board. An interesting program is planned in connection with the services.

From 1900 to 2000 voice recordings will be made in the reception office of the chapel.

At 2000 Jewish religious services will be conducted by Chaplain Straus, followed by a social hour which will be held in Room A, Marine Detachment Building, which is next door to the chapel.

Delicious refreshments are served every other week by the women's Serv-a-Hospital Committee, Jewish Welfare Board, of Oakland. There will be a musical program of classical and semi-classical recordings.

All Jewish patients and staff personnel of the hospital are invited.

Chaplain Straus also announces that Bernard Miran, field representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board Hospital Service Department, is on the hospital compound every Tuesday and Friday. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 3 to 4 and 7 to 8 o'clock on Fridays. He can be consulted by Jewish patients in regard to personal services, entertainments and parties, veteran's rights and benefits, and Jewish religious matters.

## War Correspondent's Play Sells Nips American Way

(SEA).—A motor party of Yanks stopped in the town of Fukagawa on southern Honshu and broke out their lunch. Half-way through the meal they were surrounded by a thousand curious Japs. Suddenly 6-foot, 200-pound war correspondent John Clare jumped to the seat of the jeep and yelled at the crowd, "If elected road commissioner, I'll fix these damn roads so we can use 'em!"

The crowd, in a panic, ran, falling over one another to escape from the jeep and its terrifying occupants. As the Yanks started to laugh the Nips halted their flight, sheepishly drifted back. Soon they were laughing heartily with the Americans, even though they didn't get the joke.

## Future Newspapermen To Hear Tribune Ace

Phil M. Knox, personnel and circulation manager of the Oakland Tribune, will be aboard on Wednesday, 14 November, from 0900-1100, to talk to those patients or staff members who are interested in the newspaper business as a career. Mr. Knox is qualified to discuss the editorial, the mechanical and the business ends of the newspaper game and will welcome specific requests for information or for personal interviews.

The lecture will be given in Room C, topside Marine Detachment Building (No. 133). This is part of the Special Interest Series arranged by the Educational Services Office.

## Feast of Christ The King Celebrated

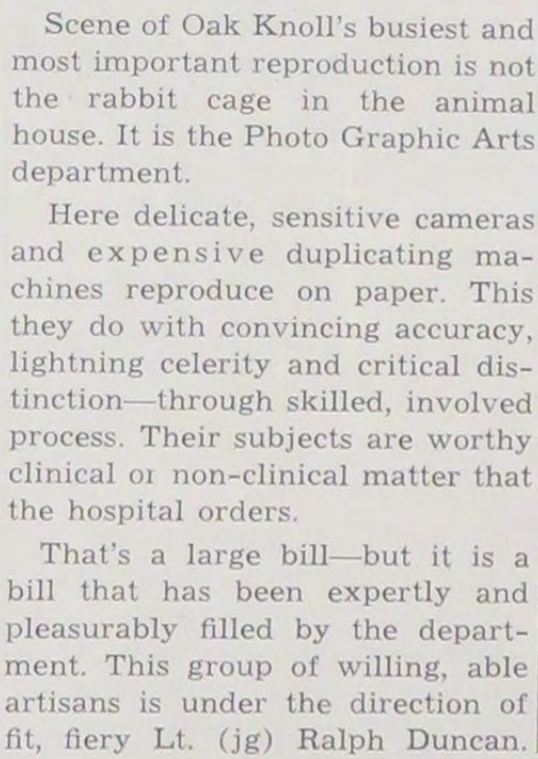
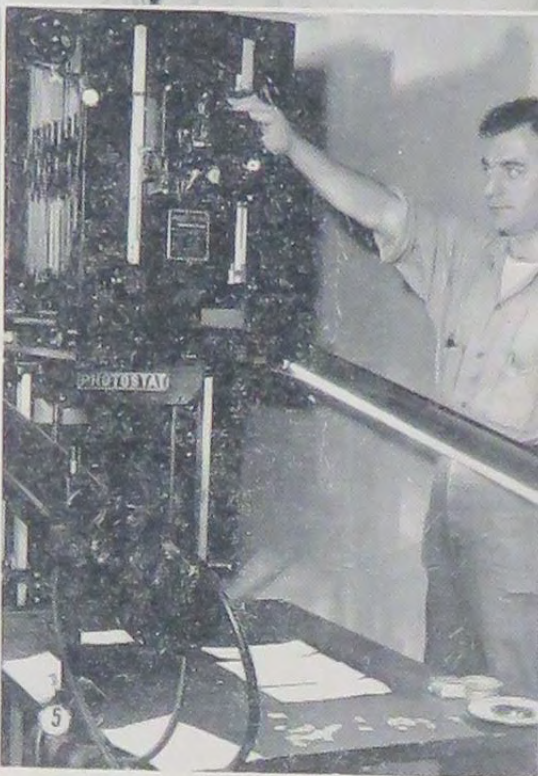


In honor of the feast of Christ the King a high mass was sung on Sunday, October 28th, at 0830, in the newly dedicated Oak Knoll chapel. Father Leonard Kelly, head Catholic chaplain at the hospital, preached a special sermon on Christ's kingship over the redeemed human race.

The choir, which chanted the propers and the Missa Brevis, was under the direction of Sister Miriam Elizabeth and consisted of the following girls from Holy Name College, Oakland: Frances Gowen, Beth Noia, Anne Rossick, Barbara Pedemonte, Frances Delafranc, Patricia Simms, Marjorie Duarte, Dorothy Renz, Gloria White, Jeanne Schaecher, Florence Hackim, Marjorie Bendorf, Pat Wiggins and Pat Murphy at the organ.



# Photo Graphic Arts Dept. Is Master of Artistry and Skill



Pictures are the department's medium, their principal stock in trade. And pictures which they took, developed, and printed are used in telling their varied, interesting story on this page.

**Scene 1** is a desk shot of the department's skipper, Mr. Duncan.

Inside the operating room, **Scene 2** shows Ralph Woods HA1c "on set" with his movie camera grinding. Eight miles of colored film are used yearly in the making of operating room movies.

In the background of **Scene 3** is Ronald Christopher PhM2c operating a photo-enlarger. Foreground view shows Robert Agnew PhM3c inspecting a print just out of "wash." Christopher, aided by Agnew, prints all clinical and non-clinical stills—approximately 26,000 a year. Both men, aided by H. E. Jacobs PhM3c, who is the operating room and clinical specialist, shoot citation and special event pix for Red Cross, Pubinfo and Oak Leaf use.

**Scene 4** is a studio shot showing W. D. Peck HA2c working on a clinical take. Peck also does Oak Leaf work and a share of the department's annual 2,000 black-and-white and 1,500 kodachrome slides of medical nature.

Operators of the department's photostat are William Zatezalo PhM3c (In **Scene 5**) and his co-worker, James E. Tomme HA2c, who is photogenic though not photographed here. The boys have

a yearly output of 10,000 health records alone, to say nothing of 2,000 miscellaneous reproduction.

Dorothy Pickell PhM3c is the department's receptionist and G. Friday. In **Scene 6** she's busy talking pix to Comdr. Paul Greeley.

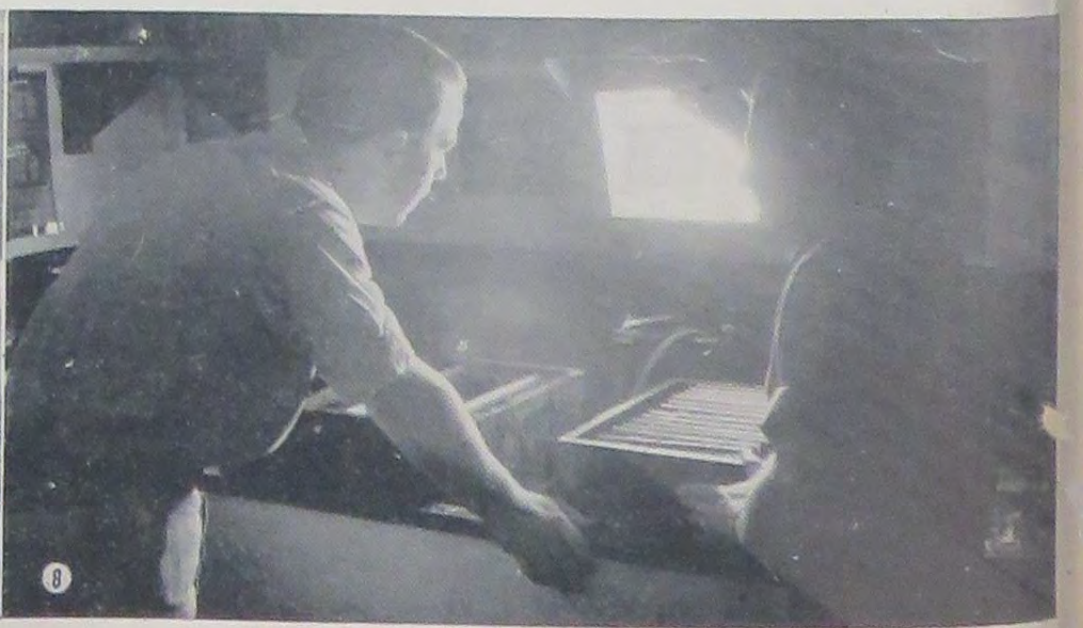
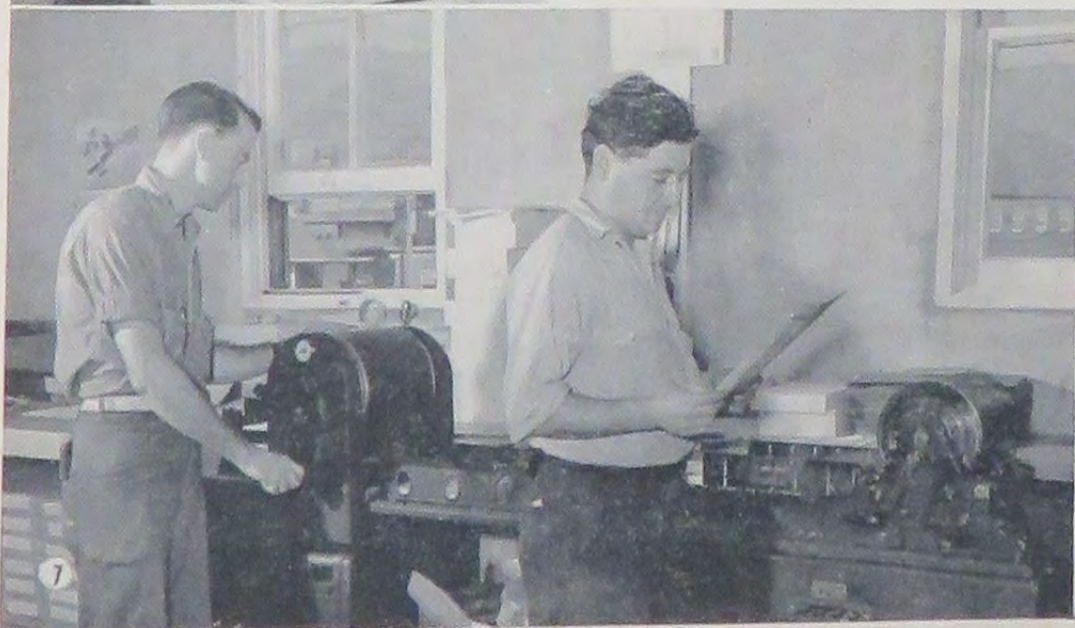
Remember **Scene 7** when you're told to "get a chit," because Richard Kingsford PhM3c and Edwin Van Stavern mimeograph a mere six and a half million impressions of them and their like every year.

The shadow and substance view of **Scene 8** shows Robert Young PhM1c and Allen Schlessinger PhM3c in deep study of a negative. Young does the painstaking work on photomicrographs and x-ray copies. He also drafts and inks the charts that are photostatted and processes lantern slides. Schlessinger has the neat task of developing all negatives and loading film holders.

In addition to routine work Photo Graphic Arts provides the projectionists that show Red Cross movies on the wards.

The department also photographs and prepares for lamination 4,000 ID pictures and cards yearly.

Maintenance work must be done continuously, as the men and their cameras are always on emergency call. For here, at any hour, a rare shot of important medical significance may develop. And the only way to perpetuate it for study and man's benefit—is to reproduce it.





# USNH, Memphis, Features Old Southern Comfort



In scene (1) the Administration building reflects the quiet, hospitable atmosphere that prevails throughout the hospital. (2) A patient enjoys "sitting" for a visiting artist. (3) Many visitors, unfamiliar with the cotton industry, enjoy seeing the South's chief crop harvested and sent to market. (4) Memphis is the place for liberty. (5) The Mississippi River, not far away, is a pleasant sight. (5) Men on the wards enjoy frequent visits from entertaining celebrities.

Down in the land of cotton is quiet, restful U. S. Naval Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., which is really not in Memphis at all, but in Millington, 20 miles out of the city.

That the hospital grounds were once a mudhole is hard to believe, but such was actually the case. The Naval Air Station and Naval Air Transport Command activities were already under construction when the need for a hospital

in the southern area was realized. The logical location was near these two flight stations, and in August, 1942, ground was broken, but before the building program was well under way, winter rains came and turned the entire site into a huge mud basin. The fact that the land was just 282 feet above gulf level was somewhat discouraging, but engineers were set to work to combat the problem and by March, 1943, the hospital was ready for commissioning. Gradually, new wards and departments have been added, and the best equipment is available for general care of all patients.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202c, Topside Marine Detachment.

12 November—Round Table Series: "News Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

13 November—No. 5 Lecture and Discussion of Course on "Starting Your Own Business." Oakland Business and Professional Men.

14 November—Lecture and Discussion: "The Newspaper Business." Phil M. Knox (Personnel and Circulation Manager Oakland "Tribune").

15 November—No. 6 Session of Course on "Starting Your Own Business." Movie Supplement: "I'll Tell the World" (Advertising) and "Merit System Advancing" (N. Y. City Civil Service).

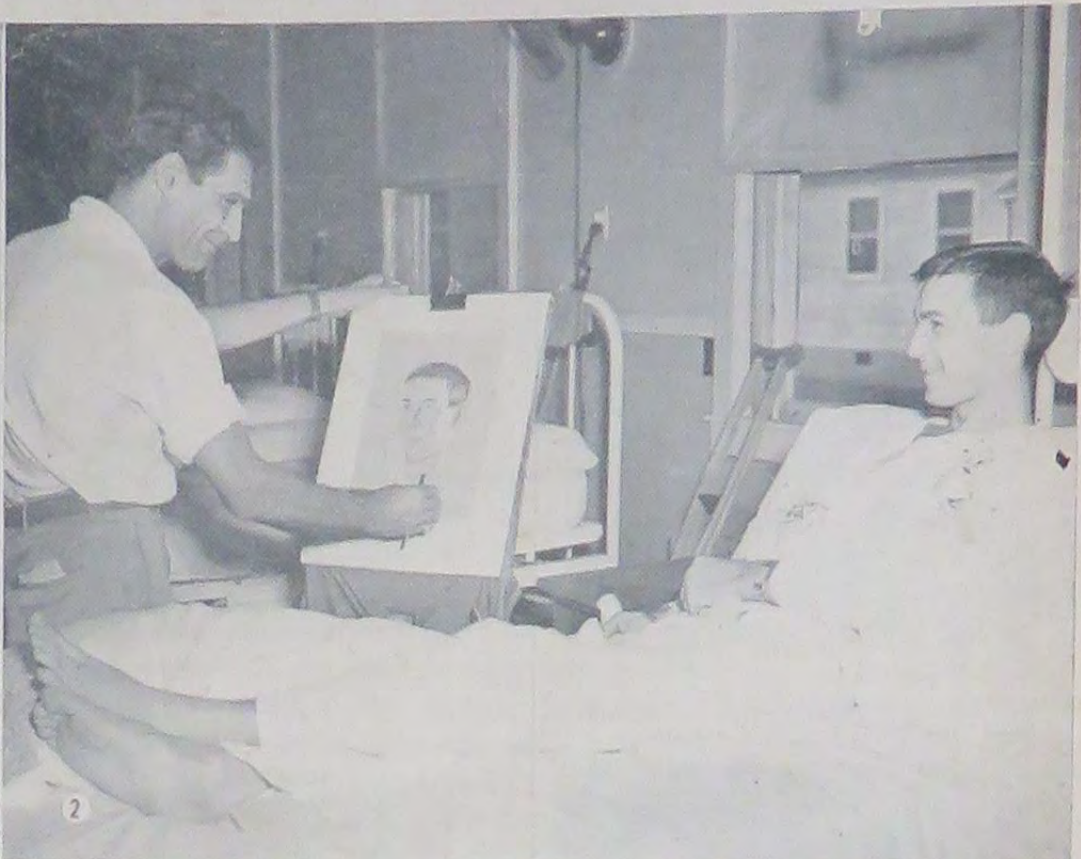
16 November—Last Lecture and Discussion of Course on "Starting Your Own Business." Oakland Business and Professional Men.

## Memphis for Liberty

Millington itself presents very little to attract patients on shore liberty, but at the end of a 45-minute bus trip is a variety of entertainment. In Memphis the usual theaters, hotels, "Y's," U.S.O.'s, Navy Mother's Clubs, and other hospitality organizations provide a warm welcome for all service men.

At Crump Stadium the crowds are punctuated by the white caps of hundreds of sailors who enjoy football, baseball and other sports, while in and around Memphis are bowling alleys, tennis courts, swimming pools and riding stables for those who want to be more than spectators.

Within a short distance of Memphis by rail, automobile or bus line, there are many points of historic and scenic interest. Muscle Shoals, with its great Wilson Dam, is a sight well worth traveling 147 miles from the city to see. And many have enjoyed weekend outings in the Ozarks or trips to Hot Springs, Ark., just 193 miles away.



Also within reach are Mammoth Cave, Kentucky, one of the greatest wonders of the world, and Vicksburg, Miss., popular because of its scenic and historic interest.

## Shelby Forest Attracts

On the outskirts of Memphis is Shelby Forest, a beautiful wooded area containing miles of motor trails, hiking and bridal paths. An unusual feature is the rank growth of vines, cottonwood, cypress and

cane that transform the whole forest into a jungle.

Many men hospitalized at Memphis have enjoyed for the first time the sight of cotton growing in the fields, of cotton pickers at work, and balers getting the product ready for market.

All these possibilities for a pleasant convalescence, plus the best medical care available, make the U. S. Naval Hospital, Memphis, a good place to go.



## CASE OF THE WEEK

## "Fighting" Added to Yeoman's Rate During—and After—Duel at Iwo

Being a yeoman and not fundamentally a fighting man made George Schaller, Y3/c, no more refractory to Japanese gunfire than Hiroshima was to the atomic bomb.

Schaller, now these many months a resident of 70A, was on the cruiser Pensacola, February 18th, the day before the Iwo Jima invasion. The Pensacola was shelling Iwo and Iwo was shelling the Pensacola. Finally the Japs dropped a six-incher on the cruiser, and Schaller found himself with a piece of shrapnel tucked under his ribs.



Mrs. Schaller, civilian employee here, and son George.

At first this did not appear too alarming medically, but while Schaller was being transferred from his ship to an LST, to the Solace, to the Artemis (AKA), and then to Aiea Heights Hospital, it became obvious that his abdomen was swelling and that the swelling was due to fluid. The fluid was "tapped" off to the amount of six quarts and was found to be bile, 200-proof. Generally this condition of bile peritonitis is fatal, but Schaller didn't know that. And this was only the beginning; subsequent taps brought the total up to 25 quarts of bile.

Because the bile is essential to the absorption of fats and certain vitamins (especially K), from the intestinal tract, Schaller had to be supplied artificially with ox bile and vitamin K. But this couldn't go on forever, so on April 6th his surgeons explored the wound and removed the shrapnel. To their chagrin they found that the duct carrying bile from both gall bladder and the liver to the intestine was destroyed. Knowing that this duct just doesn't grow back again, the doctors rigged up an artificial biliary duct system by placing a tube in the duct collecting bile from the liver and making an opening from his abdomen into the small intestine. Then the bile was constantly collected into a reservoir bottle at the bedside and after each meal was put back into the alimentary tract by a drip system.

Not only bile, but also food, could be poured into Schaller

through this jejunostomy tube. Indeed, though the patient hadn't much choice as to *what* we should eat, he could say *where* he wanted to eat, with regard to route of entry.

Needless to say, this was an unsatisfactory permanent arrangement. The problem would have stymied the doctors, but Schaller solved it himself. For toward the end of June the bile drainage became irregular—sometimes bile would flow, sometimes it wouldn't. By July the bile drainage had completely stopped, never to start again—but nobody knew exactly why. It was plain that the bile was getting into the intestine by an inside route, but how a duct was reconstructed remains a mystery. The doctors suspect that the duct first reported destroyed was never completely severed.

By this time all of Schaller's problems would appear solved, but they were not, by a long shot. Twice he developed pockets of pus about his liver, and these had to be opened and drained surgically. Twice he has had pneumonia, and he is only now recovering from the most recent bout. In addition, during most of his stay here he has had to submit eight times daily to the penicillin needle, directed into the strategically heavy-padded portions of his body. He's had 10 blood transfusions.

But now he's gaining weight again. His wounds are closed. His fever is on the wane. What is more important, his mother, as an employee of the hospital, is here coaching him back to health. When he arrives, he's going to dash back to his home state—Ohio—and go to college, aided by what might for him be called the GI Biliary Rights.

"This bed," the furniture dealer said, "belonged to my great-great-grandmother."

"Sure," said the customer, "No doubt it is one of the beds Washington slept in!"

"Very likely," continued the dealer, "but, of course, you'd never get grandmother to admit that."

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Student: What did you operate on that man for?

Surgeon: Three hundred dollars.

Student: Yes, I know, I mean what did he have?

Surgeon: Three hundred and one dollars.

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G. I. (in London store): I want an "e" string for my violin.

Clerk: 'Ere, pick it out yourself—I don't know the blinkin' "e's" from the she's.

## All-Patient Dept. Shepherds Marine Interests



Guardian of Marine matters of personal and public interests, this all-patient department voluntarily organized for the sake of continued service. (Back) Sgt. Lavon Rogers, Cpl. M. T. Weprich, Cpl. Ray Averett; (Front) Sgt. G. W. Waters, Lt. A. W. Vinson, Pfc. Robert Seaman.

By CPL. RAY H. AVERETT, USMCR

The Marine Public Information Office, operating as a unique branch of the Naval Public Information Office, is singular both in nature of service rendered and the fact that it is completely staffed by patients.

The work found its beginning in the heart of Lt. A. W. Vinson, USMCR, many months ago when he began to devote his spare time and energies to the interests of other patients who needed advice and information in numberless matters. Since that time the work has broadened in scope and requires the attention of five enlisted Marines who frequently find themselves far afield at odd hours.

Located on the top deck of the Post Office Building, the office has the welcome mat out to all Marine patients in need of advice or information in routine matters and personal problems alike. Their motto: "If we don't know the answer, we'll find someone who does." Making it their policy never to interfere with the regular departments and official matters, the staff, nevertheless, has rendered innumerable services to many patients in the past.

Serving as the shock absorbers between the "inside" and the "outside", the department has fre-

quently located a "lost" brother or son or someone who knew a deceased or wounded man. No problem is too small for their attention and the department is proud of their record. No matter goes unattended or is given up as a hopeless case until every possibility has been explored.

Most unique is their speakers bureau which furnishes combat speaking team or individual speakers, patient volunteers, who devote their ability to a number of worthwhile causes. Hundreds of addresses have been delivered to a variety of audiences in the past six months in the interest of the Naval Incentive Division, War Finance Committee, American Blood Bank, American War Chest and many other organizations. Always the interests of the service men and veterans have been fostered by these able crusaders.

At war or at peace the staff of the Marine Public Information Office extends a cordial hand to all other Marine patients at Oak Knoll.

## Welcome Aboard, Shipmates!

Forty "Docs" launched their careers in the Hospital Corps this week when they reported here for duty from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Welcome aboard to the following: Le Roy Blackburn, Robert Bow, Donald Brandon, Carl Carlson, Jimmie Cooper, Timothy Daly, Bernard Eingold, Albert Fuller, Gilbert Garfield, Gerald Gersten, Leonard Hershberg, George Hickey III, Joseph Hutchings, Bernard Hymel, David Isaacs, John Kearns,

James Kennedy, Dudley King, Joseph Kovac, Leslie Lipkin, Gerald Marzulli, Vincent Marzulli, Jack Moore, Jr., Robert Moore, Leonard Morrison, Walter Mosch, Thomas Newcomb, Charles Nene, John O'Driscoll, Michael Pill, Dominick Polimeni, Edwin Rackett, Donald Raßbach, Paul Schwartz, Bernard Sequeipa, Ted Siegel, Charles Stewart, John Stoddard, Murray Zeilinger and Warren Stinson.



## Off the Bookshelf

### New Fiction in Hospital Library

Andrews: *Burning Gold*. (Robinson Crusoe, his creator, Daniel Defoe, and a London doctor, all appear in a story of 18th century England.)

Bauer: *Behold Your King*. (Religious novel dealing with a young Jew who lived at the time of Christ.)

Brown: *Artie Greengroin, Pfc.* (Sketches of Army life as viewed by a truck driver; reprinted from *Yank*.)

Caspary: *Bedelia*. (Novel about a woman as peculiar as Williams' *Strange Woman*.)

Clark: *The City of Trembling Leaves*. (Story of a young composer who grew up in Reno.)

Dane: *He Brings Great News*. (Novel about a young lieutenant who brought the news of the Battle of Trafalgar and the death of Lord Nelson back to London in 1805.)

Dos Passos: *First Encounter*. (Narrative dealing with the front-line soldier of 1913, as seen by an ambulance driver; written 25 years ago, but just published.)

Elwood: *Heritage of the River*. (Colorful novel of colonial life in French Canada, with both Montreal and frontier settings.)

Gunn: *The Silver Darlings*. (Tale about the Scotch herring industry and the lives of the fishermen.)

Hobart: *The Peacock Sheds His Tail*. (Story of the marriage of a young American and an aristocratic Mexican girl.)

Lister: *By the Waters of Babylon*. (Novel about a father and son, and also dealing with the differences between Moroccan Jews and public school Englishmen.)

March: *Trial Balance*. (Short stories.)

Sabatini: *The Birth of Mischief*. (Love and adventure at the court of Frederick the Great.)

Teilhet: *The Fear Makers*. (Novel dealing with the transformation of a public opinion poll to a propaganda machine, and the possible activities of Fascists in America.)

Thane: *Ever After*. (Story of war correspondents of the Richard Harding Davis era.)

## Civilian Workers Are Work For Mrs. Jones



Mrs. Betty H. Jones' record of efficiency and longevity is one of which anyone might be proud.

Established at Oak Knoll before the U. S. Naval Hospital itself came into being, Mrs. Betty H. Jones, clerk in the civilian personnel office, is one of the "old-timers" on the compound.

Coming here with the contractors in April, 1942, she served as combination receptionist, switchboard operator and secretary in a little office at the east end of the medical storeroom, where headquarters of the K. E. Parker Co. were housed during the months when the hospital was under construction.

With the commissioning and opening of the first units of the hospital, she took over the task of supervising all civilian personnel. In charge of the payroll and civil service paper work as well as hiring and firing, she had a 10-hour job, six days a week, in the Property and Accounting Office. The original staff comprised 65 workers in contrast to today's group of 566.

Several months ago, because of further expansion, Mrs. Jones and her staff moved again, this time hanging their shingle over the door of the north wing, Administration Building Annex. There, working directly under the supervision of Pharm. William M. Canavan, civilian personnel officer, Mrs. Jones still holds a position of major importance on the compound.

After hours Mrs. Jones enjoys her home and garden, but there, too, she operates a job placement service—all jobs being designed for her 12-year-old son, Dick.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

### Wanted to Rent...

Two-bedroom cottage or apartment at a reasonable price. If you know of such a place, contact Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Duncan, Graphic Arts Dept., Phone 183.

A furnished apartment, suitable for two Waves to be discharged soon. Please contact Virginia Chamberlain, PhM2c, Ward 54.

### For Sale...

CPO uniform, size 37. Blues, \$15; Grays (Trop. Worsted), \$15; Grays (Gabardine), \$15; Whites (never worn), (2), \$10; Caps (6 7/8), complete, (3), \$3.50; Overseas Caps: Blue, Gray; Extra Cap Covers, White. N. L. Warren, 3323 Galindo St., Oakland. Kellogg 3-20491.

Gas Range, \$35. 1295 100th Ave.

### Lost...

Grey Parker "51" Pen, Saturday, between Surgery II, Ship's Service and Bldg. 23. Ens. Lydia Steenert (NC), Phone Ext. 166.

Movado wrist watch; initialed KSL to KEL. Lost on second deck Bldg. No. 27, Sunday A. M., 4 November 1945. Reward, \$5. Return to K. E. Livingston, Ward 53.

### Found...

Gold crown for 3 teeth. Owner may obtain same from Miss Jarrett in Room 216, Red Cross.

### Personals...

Want ride for wife and self with anyone driving as far East as Kansas, on or about Nov. 10. Will share expenses. Contact V. Horejsi, PhM1c, Ward 77B.

Leaving for New Jersey on or about Dec. 10. Can take 2 or 3 passengers. Contact Chief N. Enten, Ward 42A, from 1300 to 1500.

### For Rent...

Navy couple wishes to share home with another young Navy couple. Renter to pay \$40 per month or by week. Call at 5476 Bond St. Frank Hilliker, F1c.

## They Said "I Do's" On October 23



Among the compound romances recently culminating in marriage in the new chapel is that of Della Dean Huls, PhM3c, of Dental Clinic and Cpl. Gilbert Lewis Petrusse, USMCR, Guadalcanal veteran now attached to the Security Guard here. Chaplain Leonard A. Kelly read the ceremony.

## Education Services Plan Showing of "True Glory"

The Educational Services Office will show the motion picture, "The True Glory," in room C, topside the Marine Detachment Building (No. 133) on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Nov. 14th and 15th, from 1315 to 1500.

This film, which was recently shown on the compound on the regular film circuits, is one of the outstanding feature length documentary films of this war. Anyone who is free to attend these repeat showings is welcome to do so.

Tall Blonde: "I want a pair of red shoes with low heels."

Shoe Salesman: "To go with what?"

Tall Blonde: "A short lieutenant."

SK1c: Everything I touch today seems to go wrong.

Wave: Don't touch me then.

Mrs. Lottie Prim was recently granted a divorce when she testified that since her marriage her husband had spoken to her but three times. She was awarded the custody of their three children.





# Big Time Swab Jockeys



—Official U. S. Navy Photo from SEA.

Even Fleet Admirals had to come up the hard way, as this picture taken on a midshipmen's cruise in 1902 shows. Left to right: Fleet Admiral Nimitz, George V. Stewart, now a Captain (retired), and Admiral Royal E. Ingersoll, Commander Western Sea Frontier.

## Regular Navy Offers Varied Attractions

Both Congress and BuPers have made attractive new inducements for men pondering a regular Navy enlistment.

BuPers on 18 October gave applicants the option of signing up for two, three, four or six-year periods instead of the four-year period required since last May. The choice is for reenlistments or first enlistments.

Seventeen-year-olds, instead of enlisting for the full period until their 21st birthday, may now choose between that option and a two or three-year hitch.

In the Voluntary Recruitment Act of 1945, just signed by the President, Congress offered the following:

- (1) Reenlistment gratuity of \$50 in all pay grades for each year served in the current term of active duty. Some pay grades formerly got \$25.
- (2) Immediate mustering-out pay instead of waiting until final separation.
- (3) Up to 60 days' leave, with transportation provided both ways.
- (4) Family allowances for full period of enlistments made prior to 1 July, 1946.
- (5) Option is reopened for men in first three pay grades to receive either family allowance or money allowance for quarters for dependents.
- (6) GI Bill of Rights benefits assured at end of new enlistment.
- (7) Free postage until 31 December, 1947.—By Ships' Editorial Association.

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To

"I am never well, I can't say why," said the seaman who was working on a medical survey. "I get a sort of pain, I don't know exactly where, and it leaves me kind of . . . oh, I don't know what." "Well, m'boy, this is the prescription," said the medical officer "for I don't know what. Take some. I don't know how much, I don't know how many times a day. I can't think of how long, but you'll feel better, I don't know when."

Sailor: "Your husband looks like a brilliant man. I suppose he knows everything." She: "Don't be a fool. He doesn't suspect a thing."

## The Sporting Scene

### Navy Boxing Tourney Set

"A boxing extravanza has been arranged for the 12th Naval District Command," the local recreation office has announced.

An inter-station tournament will get under way Friday night at Camp Parks (Albany Naval Landing Supply Depot), and rotate from there to San Bruno's Navy advance personnel base on Tuesday night, Nov. 13, for the semi-finals. And on Tuesday night, Nov. 20, the finals will be staged at Fleet City, Pleasanton.

The 160 entrants include men from the Navy, Marine, Seabee, and Naval prisoners and trainees in the district. Included in the lists are winners of the last Golden Gloves and A.A.U. amateur fights here in San Francisco.

### Women's Bowling

Ladies' Compound League bowling teams continue to split the hickory each Thursday p. m. Six entries comprise the loop: nurses, Wave officers, O. T. Waves, administration Waves, civilians and Red Cross.

### Compound Basketball

Surgery II's capering cut-ups completely anesthetized a hard-fighting Rocky Mountain five 28-21 to protect their undefeated record. High point man of the carving quintet was Jones the Adorable.

Victim of Welfare and Rec's revitalized hoopsters was the Medical Storeroom tong, who lost to the Playboys in a too-even-for-comfort match, 19-15.

### Women's Basketball

The 12th Naval District women's basketball tourney is scheduled to get under way the middle of November.

In this crimson torrid tournament Oak Knoll will be represented by a pair of entries that smart money is already tabbing for co-champions. Bearing our colors will be a nurses' quintet and an all-Wave five.

And then there was a moron who cut a hole in the rug to see the floor show, and then covered it because he didn't like dirty cracks.

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



"Fill 'er up, Gus."





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## Skipper, Gallery Tee Off In Driving Range Opener



Captain Dearing, Lt. Mastin, and officials of the Northern California section of the Professional Golfers Association watch as CWT Cohn C. Wilson prepares to take the first swing under the expert guidance of instructor Eddie Duino. The PGA provided the funds and equipment for the 12-tee, 200 yard Range.

Newest feature added to Oak Knoll's extensive sports set-up is the Golf Driving Range now in operation near the Gas Station. Here the hospital's neophyte golfers may improve that stroke and, if present plans mature, may do

so under professional supervision. The driving range had the full aid of Lt. Mastin and his Welfare and Recreation department. On hand at the premises to greet you with buckets of balls and clubs are Proctor and Doby.

## Two Franciscan Priests, Ex-POW'S, Find Comfort and Rest Here

Here is just another of those vital human interest stories for which Oak Knoll is becoming famous! This time we go to Ward 67A to meet two of our recent guests—both Franciscan priests—

liberated prisoners of the war in the Pacific.

### Two Weary Priests

Father Fidelis Chicoine and Father Provost arrived at Oak Knoll on Monday last—not as patients—but rather as two weary missionaries seeking port after the storm. Their ship, the Levaca, carrying 1500 passengers, only 400 of whom were civilians, had docked in San Francisco the same day. It had taken them one month to come from Tientsin, China, having made three stops en route—at Shanghai, Okinawa and Pearl Harbor.

### Veterans on Chinese Field

Father Chicoine has been a missionary for 16 years at Chefoo, Peiping and Chantung. Father Provost has been doing missionary

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## Officers' Dance Nov. 24 Offers 'Baby Watch'

Big event of the season in gold braid circles will be the Dance to be given at the Club House Saturday evening, November 24. Dick Reinhardt and his CBS Recording Orchestra will supply the music.

Lt. Cmdr. W. M. Adams (MC) USNR is chairman of the event and announces that special provision will be made to care for children for those who can make no other arrangements. Trained personnel will be available in a comfortable room at the Club House. Please sign up at the Officers' Club giving number and ages of children by Wednesday, November 21.

Every effort is being made to have the dance the gala event of the season, providing tops in music, food, and drink.

Hosts will be Lt. Cmdr. Earl Pound, Lt. Evert Hunt, and Pharm. William Canavan. Lt. Robert Mastin is in charge of decorations.

Wave hostesses at the dance will be Lt. (jg) Mabel Sherrill, Ens. Betty Ross, Ens. Kay Tappen, and Ens. Reinet Hall. Nurse hostesses include Lt. Thelma A. King, Lt. Martha E. Wilson, Lt. Margie F. Woolcott, and Lt. Anna A. Kaes.

## Auto Laundry Service Ready For All Hands

Lt. (jg) Edward H. Kershner, new Ship's Service Officer, has announced that an enlarged Car Washing Service is now available to Oak Knollers. The prices are as follows: Car Wash, \$1.00; Clean and Polish, \$5.00; Simoniz Wax, \$8.00.

This service is situated by the Gas Station and is open Monday through Friday. The work is done by competent hired civilian personnel.

## New Protestant Service Added For Weekdays

A new service has been added to the Protestant services to meet the request for an afternoon service. It is held on weekdays, except Saturday, in the Sanctuary of the Chapel at 1600.

The present series of services are based on the Scripture narration of how God speaks to persons.

## Three Dances Set For Turkey Week

Plans for the Thanksgiving week, in addition to the traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings, include three dances and a concert.

On Monday night, November 19, at 2030, our Navy Mothers present another of their popular dances for all hands in the auditorium. Tuesday night, November 20, brings a fine Mixed Choral Group from the United Airlines for a concert at 1930.

A Colored Dance in the auditorium is scheduled for Wednesday evening, November 21, and on Saturday night, November 24, the Officers' Club will be the scene of a gala dance for all commissioned personnel.

Big event of the week for all gourmets (and gourmands) will, of course, be the turkey extravaganza planned for Thursday noon chow. According to Lt. Cmdr. Ball, Commissary Officer, it will outstrip all previous efforts.

### OAK LEAF STAFF OPENING

Staff personnel who have had experience or training in writing and who would like to work on *The Oak Leaf* are urged to contact the Public Information Officer.

This is a full-time detail.

The Office of Public Information is located in the rear annex, second deck, administration building.

### Self-Supporting Decks



Red Cross Administrative Assistant Dorothea Kembel accepts 300 decks of new and hard-to-get playing cards, a gift to Oak Knoll patients from generous distillery interests represented by Mr. Harold Rehnke.

## THANKSGIVING SERVICES

THURSDAY, NOV. 22

Catholic—Masses at 0630 and 1630. Confessions before all Masses.

Protestant—Morning Devotions 0730. Special Thanksgiving Service 1000. Bible Study 1800.

L. D. S. (Mormon) Service 1930.



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## • Preparation Instead of Pacifism

Did the pre-Pearl Harbor isolationists receive any dividends on their policy? Yes, they did—if over 1,000,000 casualties in World War II can be claimed as a justifiable loss to be deducted from the net gain in dollars and sense.

Is the pathetic pacifism which caused the December 7, 1941, tragedy going to be fostered again by the short-sighted attitude that universal military training is unnecessary and an imposition on American youth?

Perhaps the ghost army of those who will never return from the battles they fought could give smug standpatters the answer—"We died that you might be prepared for the next time our country is put in great peril."

Editorial comment in some of the nation's newspapers attempts to prejudice the reader against universal military training. It would seem that before any partisan paper begins to use military training as a political football, it would do well to take stock of the international picture of four years ago. Germany with 80,000,000 people had beaten France (60,000,000), almost smashed the British Isles (40,000,000) and was deep into Russia (190,000,000) when we entered the war.

Scientific advancement cannot be credited as the sole factor that made it possible for the Nazis to throw Germany with her 80,000,000 people against the combined 290,000,000 population of three countries. The fact that she had been training her youth for 10 years prior to the outbreak of hostilities provided Germany with the powerful organization to use the modern weapons developed by her scientists. This is the combination which enabled Germany to play the giant killer until the United States added the crushing opposition of 130,000,000 more people.

On November 1st the first B-29s flying non-stop from Tokyo arrived in Washington, D. C., after an elapsed time of slightly more than 27 hours. On the same day the elder statesman, Bernard M. Baruch, asked Congress to set up a national research foundation as an integral part of a defense program which would include universal military training.

To quote Mr. Baruch: "Scientific research by itself is only a piece of what is needed. I stress that because the atomic bomb, radar and other war inventions have been so spectacular that the public seems to have gotten the idea that nothing but scientific advance is needed for national safety. Vital as it is, scientific advance is not a substitute for universal training for war. It is not a substitute for a modernized, industrial mobilization which will convert our nation in quickest order to the conditions of any possible future war."

The creative genius of the United States proved itself again in World War II. However, despite the speedy mustering of manpower and development of new production methods, many men and boys died because they hadn't had a year's training before being sent to the front.

It is not yet three months after V-J Day. Therefore, it is difficult to reconcile the attitude of certain parents now opposed to universal military training with the cries that

## A Tight Squeeze for Big BB's



The USS Missouri squeezes through the Panama Canal en route from the Pacific to New York City where the "surrender ship" participated in Navy Day ceremonies. (Official U. S. Navy photograph from SEA.)

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### The Newman Centennial

Few are the men who attain to such fame as that of Cardinal Newman. Few still are the ones whose fame can live for one hundred years and still command a healthy and steady growth. One hundred years ago, John Henry Newman became a convert to the Catholic Church. Through trials and sorrows, through joys that can come only to a spiritual man, he became a leader in the Church, blessing his own and succeeding generations by his preaching and writing. The grace of conversion goes out to the lowly and unlettered; goes out likewise to the keenest of minds, the most gifted among men. Cardinal Newman followed the kindly light of grace into God's Church.

New lives of Newman, new partial editions of his works, magazine and newspaper articles in many languages issued in many countries gave full testimony to the high and important place he holds in the minds of present-day Catholics and Protestants. No man can make his own the product of this keen mind, devout heart, sublime personality, without feeling his faith grow within him, without securing a deeper appreciation for all the Church of God can do for its faithful adherents.

CHAPLAIN LEONARD A. KELLY

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley.

### Sunday—

Morning Service ..... 1000  
Communion Service ..... 1100  
Evening Vespers ..... 1930

### Weekday—

Morning Devotions ..... 0730  
Vesper Service ..... 1600  
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel) ..... 1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.

Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.

Confessions before all Masses.

Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 184. Divine Service—2000 Friday.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

### Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

these same people set up during the war against the government for sending 18-year-old boys overseas after only six weeks of training.

A government scientific research program and permanent military training for American youth might not insure a lasting peace, but at least they would prolong it.

—A. W. V.



## Our Doctor



Lt. Cmdr. Arthur R. Thompson  
(MC) USNR

The title "Leave and Liberty Officer" suggests a cushy job to the unknowing. To the casual investigator Dr. Thompson's position may appear as one requiring only a superficial inspection of a request chit, a hasty signature and a nod to the next man. But to the careful investigator there is a different and for more significant importance and responsibility attached to the duty. Mere mechanical signing has nothing to do with the job.

For Dr. Thompson, California-born and California-educated, is to four thousand Oak Knoll patients the "open sesame" or "close sesame" as far as getting out the gates is concerned. True enough, the ward medical officer signs the request chit but no patient is allowed to descend the gangway on special liberty or leave without the doctor's knowing consent.

### An Oak Knoll Veteran

An Oak Knoll veteran, Dr. Thompson is a man well suited to what could easily be a tiring, monotonous grind. He is attuned to the obligations of his job which are, primarily, the patients' safety and physical welfare. To outsiders, the idea of a "sick" man being allowed special (or even any) absence from his hospital is irreconcilable with good treatment. But the fallacy of such thought is proved continuously in the Navy. For a man needs the therapy of home and outside recreation. Respite from confinement and essential discipline is mentally and physically beneficial. Getting away from it all, while waiting for Nature to finish the healing job, is, plainly, good medicine. Dr. Thompson knows this. He appreciates keenly the value of extraneous, extenuating circumstances. That is why he is liberal and fair in handling the hundreds of requests that he faces daily.

### Must Know Patients' Details

At the same time, the Leave and Liberty Officer, in handling regular liberty or leave requests and

problems, must be cognizant of the patients' obligations. Liberty is a privilege a patient earns through successful performance of his own assignments. So Dr. Thompson has at his fingertips the latest reports on how well the patients have been fulfilling their duties to their rehabilitation or physical training program.

A general practitioner before he entered the Navy, Dr. Thompson has had extensive experience in psychiatry, including a Navy training course in Washington, D. C. As Leave and Liberty Officer this training stands him in good stead. His work often requires a careful consideration of the patients' personal problems, a penetrating sub-surface investigation of requests for special privileges. Often the true purpose of these requests or the importance of them to the individual is not openly apparent. Here the experience of a capable, understanding man is needed.

### An Expert on Traveling

The amiable, keen-eyed physician on occasion has become a travel expert to advise men of train schedules and how they do or do not fit into the travel programs designed by their leave requests. With a friendly tip for their protection, he has saved scores of over-anxious out-of-bounds-hounds from starting on journeys that were destined to end in A.O.L. because of failing traveling facilities.

As Draft Co-Ordinator, Dr. Thompson aids the hospital corpsmen who attend the mass movements of patients from this hospital to other Naval hospitals throughout the country. He offers meaningful advice on their responsibilities en route, all in the interest of protecting the traveling patients and also as a means of safeguarding the corpsmen from fouling-up their own transportation returning here. He knows the thousand-and-one details that a corpsman must be familiar with when assigned to this duty and he knows a thousand-and-one more that a corpsman can appreciate fully if he is anxious to do an efficient, successful job. To a hospital that moves thousands of men monthly this is a vital, important task.

### A "Line" Inside—A Line Outside

Scores of patients who have faced Dr. Thompson and have been impressed by his gracious understanding would have liked to stay and talk to him. But there are usually so many more men awaiting his daily morning mast or emergency mast that the line outside of his office often resembles the mythical Chow Hall No. 3.

Besides the interruptions of drones of chit-wits, Dr. Thompson has plenty on his mind. He's awaiting the Word on the new office building preparations in Berkeley. He'd also like to get a little special liberty himself to spend more time on his woodcarving hobby and naturally to be with his wife and daughter here.

## Heroic Wife of Dutch Consul Talks 'Home' To Ex-POW'S

Mrs. Alexandria Hooft Graafland, wife of the Netherlands vice-consul in San Francisco, was a visitor at Oak Knoll on November 9, when she came to talk with Dutch prisoners of war who are still awaiting transportation to their homeland.

worse for her gruelling experience of the war years.

The distinguished Hollander answered questions for her countrymen and told them of present conditions in the Netherlands. Although she feels that the war has pointed the way to a new and bet-



Mrs. Alexandria Hooft Graafland discusses the Netherlands situation with Dutch POW's S1c H. Kelfkens, Lt. A. A. M. V. Rijsbergen (CO of group), S1c J. Zwaan, and SM1c A. Koster.

Active in the Dutch underground for the past four years, Mrs. Hooft Graafland hid Dutch soldiers who were sabotaging the Germans, saving many from the slave labor that awaited those who were caught. Twice her home was surrounded and sacked by the Nazis, but each time Mrs. Hooft Graafland and her baby daughter escaped unharmed. She reached San Francisco in October, feeling "spiritually fit" and none the

less. In the Dutch underground world where moral and spiritual values will be stressed, she is not optimistic about employment opportunities for the repatriates because of the extreme lack of materials and equipment resulting from wartime destruction.

Mrs. Julia Goss Lynch, deputy director of the Netherlands Information Bureau in San Francisco, made arrangements for Mrs. Hooft Graafland's visit here.

## Red Cross Offers Photo Know-How

Photography enthusiasts on the compound will have an opportunity to learn to develop and print their own pictures in a program beginning next week under auspices of the American Red Cross and the educational services of the Navy.

Elmer Edwards, a San Leandro photographer who has done prize-winning camera work, has volunteered his services as a hobbyist in response to a Red Cross request for skilled volunteer help in the recreation program on the compound.

Mr. Edwards will visit the wards one or two evenings a week to make portraits of the patients as part of the Red Cross recreation program, and will work with edu-

cational services to set up a dark room where patients will be able to learn to develop and print their own pictures. Equipment for the photography program will be provided by the Navy, the Red Cross and local camera clubs.

(SEA).—Take good care of your discharge certificate or certificate of service given you at separation. It would be wise to have the certificate recorded, since you may use it in applying for benefits, getting a job, and taking advantage of the GI Bill of Rights. The county clerk or recorder will do the recording. If you need a copy you can always get one from the recording official. You can replace an original which is lost by applying to the branch in which you served.



**To buy..sell..rent..**

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

**To Sell . . .**

For sale cheap or trade for car, 1935 Harley-Davidson motorcycle with saddle bags and buddy seat. See D. E. Croll, 41A.

1934 Ford 4-door Sedan with 1936 rebuilt motor, five 16" tires and wheels, new brakes. \$400. See K. B. Kosling at the Swimming Pool.

1935 Ford Coupe in good condition. \$300. See Quinn at Transportation or call Ext. 134 between 0800 and 1600.

Ironing Board, folding, complete. Also Chest of Drawers, unfinished. Contact Chief Jaffe, 61A.

Dress Blues, practically new, gabardine. Original price \$50, sell for \$25. Size 36. See PhM3c Otto E. Maag, Medical Storeroom, Ext. 189.

Will sell the Phonograph to the fellow who was interested in it at the second show Sunday night. Please contact me same place, second movie, next Sunday. Smitty.

Electric Stove with two burners. See Mrs. Rosen, Red Cross.

Used Bb wood Clarinet, Boehm system, good condition. Will sell at OPA ceiling price. Good 18-gauge serge Blues, jumper size 36, trousers size 31. Phone LO 8-0632 any evening or see Bill Wansley in the Chaplain's Office.

**Wanted . . .**

Furnished room or apartment in East Oakland or San Leandro. Will pay top price for apartment. William E. Lord, 44A.

Two-bedroom cottage or apartment at a reasonable price. If you know of such a place, contact Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Duncan, Graphic Arts Dept., Phone 183.

Would like to share ride to hospital from Haste and Telegraph or Haste and Broadway in Berkeley. Will share expenses. Hours, 0830-1630, Monday thru Friday and every other Saturday. Mrs. Rose, room 237, second deck, Ship's Service Building.

Ride wanted every day to and from Alameda. Hours, 0830-1630. Mrs. Rosen, Red Cross.

**Lost . . .**

Brown leather Brief Case containing important papers. Lost near Santa Cruz Village project on Nov. 6. Please return to Paul La Vergne at Santa Cruz Village Office, phone LO 8-1041 or contact *The Oak Leaf*, ext. 230. Reward.

Black zipper Billfold with personal contents on Sunday, Nov. 4, between Oak Knoll and 90th. Reward. Ens. Amelia C. Kresha (NNC).

**He (Disem)barked In Philadelphia**

—Press Association  
**Zero, mascot of the battleship Washington, awaits Navy Day inspection after arriving in Philadelphia with other old seadogs.**

**Aid To Needy Is Navy Relief Goal**

The Navy Relief Society maintains an office in the Out-Patient Clinic. It is open from 8 to 4 through Friday and from 8 to 12 on Saturday. Chaplain Armstrong is in charge.

Object of the Society:

To render financial aid in times of emergency, to Naval Personnel and their dependents.

To assist with hospital and medical care when needed.

To help Naval personnel and their dependents help themselves in meeting and solving their problems.

To aid widows and orphans of service personnel until such time as Government benefits and insurance are established.

Layettes are available to wives of men in the four lower pay grades.

Two visiting nurses are employed by the Society. They make one or more follow-up calls on post-partum cases and on operative and medical cases when necessary. The nurses can be reached by phoning Sweetwood 5400, Extension 247, between 0830 and 0930 in the morning. The nurses are willing and anxious to help with advice or aid when necessary.

By service personnel we include all men of the Naval service of the United States, which term shall include the regular Navy and Marine Corps of the United States, the reserve components thereof when on active duty, and the United States Coast Guard when serving as part of the United States Navy in time of war.

Silver and black Parker 51 Fountain Pen inscribed Jimmy Wilkinson. Please return to Wilkinson on ward 42B.

**Ex-POW Priests Find Rest Here**

(Continued from page 1)

work at Cheefoo for six years. Four years ago, while carrying on their missionary work, they were taken prisoners by the Japs. Immediately after capture, they were sent to a Presbyterian mission, where they remained with Protestant and Catholic clerics and lived in a community that was organized as a prison.

After two years in this prison, they were sent to the Peiping Franciscan House of Chinese Studies, where they continued to be prisoners and lived under the authority of a German Franciscan priest who was approved by the Japs. Here they were permitted to pursue their religious duties.

**They Will Go Back**

Approximately two months ago they were liberated—and in due time arrived at Oak Knoll, where they awaited transportation to New York. From New York they were to fly to Montreal—back to their own people—for a prolonged and well-earned rest, after which they hope to return to China to carry on their noble work as missionaries.

Both priests were very familiar with the Northern Provinces where the Chinese Revolutionary Forces are located. From their experiences with the people in China, both priests agreed that although the Chinese Government may talk about democratization, the Chinese people do not have the spirit of democracy, and that whatever form our Western political structure may take in China, it will actually have quite a different effect on the people.

**WELL DONE!**

The Commanding Officer extends a hearty "Well Done" to Lt. Cmdr. Frederick O. Ball, Capt. Robert Hengensbach USMC, Lt. Robert Mastin, Lt. (jg) Jane Perry, Mr. Robert Bost and committee members and helpers for their fine work in arrangements for the Barbecue and Monte Carlo Night on October 27, 1945.

**On and Off the Base****On the Compound . . .****AUDITORIUM MOVIES**

Sat., Nov. 17—"The Lady Comfesses," Mary Beth Hughes.

Sun., Nov. 18—"This Love of Ours," Merle Oberon and Claude Rains.

Mon., Nov. 19—"This Above All," Joan Fontaine and Tyrone Power.

Tues., Nov. 20—"The Spider," Richard Conte and Faye Marlowe. March of Time.

Wed., Nov. 21—"Crimson Canary," Noah Beery Jr. and Lois Collier.

Thurs., Nov. 22—"Song of Old Wyoming," Eddie Dean and Jennifer Holt.

Fri., Nov. 23—"San Antonio," Errol Flynn and Alexis Smith.

Sat., Nov. 24—"See Here, P. Hargrove," Robert Walker and Donna Reed.

**EVENTS**

Mon., Nov. 19—All Hands Dance at 2030, sponsored by Navy Mothers.

Tues., Nov. 20—United Airline Mixed Chorus in Concert at 1930.

Wed., Nov. 21—Colored Dance in Auditorium at 2030.

**In Oakland . . .****MUSIC AND THEATRE**

Auditorium Theatre—"Suds in Your Eye," Nov. 19-20-21-22.

**In San Francisco . . .****MUSIC AND THEATRE**

Curran—"Blossom Time," Operetta. Begins Sunday, Nov. 18.

Geary—"Dear Ruth," Comedy. Begins Monday, Nov. 19.

Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with refreshments included. Nightly at 8:30 except Monday.

Radio Broadcasts—Free tickets in Recreation Office for "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.; "Who's Lucky Tonight" every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.; "Night Editor," every Friday at 9:00 p.m.

**SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM**

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted staff and patient personnel.

19 November—Round Table Series: "News Development."

Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

20 November—Pay Day, no program.

21 November—Lecture and Discussion: "Selling as a Vocation." Henry M. Thomas (Dist. Mgr. Punch-Lock Cor.).

22 November—Thanksgiving, no program.

23 November—G. I. Movie Weekly.



CASE OF THE WEEK

# Likable St. Louisan Learned About Marines the Hard Way

Whether you saw him having a malt at Ship's Service, tooling a fancy leather wallet on the porch of 71B, or just sitting puffing thoughtfully on his pipe, you would say to yourself, "That's a fellow I would like to know." An



Sgt. Winkelmaier

easy smile and a shock of red hair serves to introduce Sgt. John J. Winkelmaier of the United States Marine Corps Reserve.

## A Pre-War Beer Brewer

The sergeant, a St. Louis boy, earned his letter in baseball at Cleveland High and worked for Anheuser-Busch Brewery for eight years before being called by Uncle Sam in 1942. He says laughingly that he didn't know a Marine from a bellhop then, but found out the difference promptly after commencing his basic training at San Diego.

After advanced training at Camp Elliot, he went across with the 25th Marines and participated in the Marshall Islands campaign. After Roi and Naur the 25th helped rout the Japs on Saipan and Tinian.

## Hit on Iwo Jima

It was on bloody Iwo Jima that Sgt. Winkelmaier met the bullet with his monicker on it. Going in with the 25th Marines he lasted through eight days of ceaseless fighting. He met his nemesis when a Jap sniper's bullet struck him in the hip and emerged from his abdomen.

Aboard the G. C. 11 an emergency operation was performed, but two weeks later, upon his arrival at Guam, the wounds had broken down and had formed a fecal fistula. He was air-evacuated to Aiea Heights, Pearl Harbor, and finally in April arrived at Oak Knoll.

## First Operation Fails

Because of the two holes which connected his bowel to the exterior, Sgt. Winkelmaier presented an interesting and difficult surgical problem. The first operation performed here met with failure and the holes reopened. X-rays had shown that both of these cavities communicated with the large bowel and that there were two additional cavities in his interior.

Finally on September 11, 1945, a second and more extensive operation was performed. This proved successful and made the sergeant very happy. Sgt. Winkelmaier says that he felt like a pin cushion after three months of penicillin injections.

## Back to Beer

After he is discharged Mr. Winkelmaier wants to go back to making (and consuming) more good old Budweiser beer. When asked if he is married, he smiles and says, "No, but better not put anything in the paper about it with all these women around."

Oak Knoll salutes another unbeatable American—Sgt. John J. Winkelmaier.

# Navy Mutual Aid Opens Ranks Anew

The Navy Mutual Aid Association has reopened its books to new members. Any regular permanently commissioned, or warrant officer of the Navy, Marine Corps, or Coast Guard, who is not over 45 years of age, is eligible for membership. There are many advantages of this type of insurance for the officer in the regular service. New members were not accepted during the war years.

Lieutenant Commander Canaga has information on this type of insurance, and those who are interested may obtain application blanks from him. Total payment of \$7500. The greatest advantage is that upon receipt of notice of an officer's death by the Navy Department, his designated beneficiary is immediately cabled \$1000, with no questions asked.

The barmaid was a flirt and when the Chief went out to buy a paper she pursed her lips invitingly and leaned over the bar toward a shy seaman.

Putting her face against his, she whispered: "Now's your chance, darling."

The seaman looked around the empty room. "So it is," he remarked and promptly drank the Chief's beer.

# Stress Security In Bond Drive

Oak Knoll swung into the first post-war Victory Loan Drive last week with its customary zip under the direction of Lt. (jg) R. A. Price, newly appointed Security Officer. The heads of every department and ward, in accordance with a hospital directive, have appointed representatives to canvass their respective groups in the interests of this supremely worthwhile campaign.

The high purposes of the drive and its urgent necessity are stressed by the needs the money will fill. These are its purposes: To pay the bills for munitions and material already delivered and used; to pay the cost of guarding the peace in Germany and Japan; to pay for the care of our wounded and disabled; to pay off and provide benefits for the veterans being discharged; to strengthen our economy by keeping the lid on price inflation.

With the arrival of peace and demobilization Victory Bonds are an even better buy for newly fledged civilians who must face the vicissitudes of post-war existence. You bought bonds in war for victory; now buy them in peace for prosperity and security.

# GIs Will Spend \$30 For First Civilian Suit

(CNS).—When GI Joe checks in as a civilian, his first thought is clothes, according to a survey by a national magazine.

When they shop around, they want the price tags to read from \$30 to \$40 for suits. Comfort and variety are musts, with emphasis on sports shirts and slacks. As for ties, the four-in-hand rates first.

The dough-foots have learned to take care of their feet and they plan to coddle them with two and two-thirds pairs of shoes annually at \$9 per pair. Comfort and variety again get top billing here, so they've included sports shoes. Socks must be self-supporting, and as for unmentionables, cotton shorts and T-shirts are preferred for both winter and summer.

# Jobs Are Available Asserts Spot Survey

(SEA).—Jobs are "going begging" in many parts of the country, according to a spot survey by the National Industrial Council. Pittsburgh reports 16,292 jobs open, Los Angeles 14,029. Maine complains that 76% of all industry is definitely handicapped by labor scarcity.

Other ripe fields for job-hunters are Kansas, the glass plants of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia, as well as the cities of High Point, N. C., Hartford, Bristol and New Britain, Conn.; Indianapolis, and Lorain County, Ohio.

## WHATKNOTS

by KERN

HOW ABOUT SOME SUGAR AND CREAM?

GOOD TO THE LAST DROP!

MAKING RELIEF MODELS OF ENEMY SHORES EARLY IN THE WAR, NAVY EXPERTS ABOARD SHIP USED SAND, GREEN BLOTTING PAPER AND COFFEE GROUNDS!

-NOW I'LL BE ABLE TO GIVE MY FEET A REST!!

A NAVY STOREKEEPER IN CHINA, HAMPERED BY LACK OF OFFICE MACHINES, LEARNED IN 2 MONTHS TO ADD, SUBTRACT, MULTIPLY AND DIVIDE ON AN ANCIENT CHINESE ABACUS!

NOW I'LL TRY FRACTIONS.

AFTER 5½ YEARS OVERSEAS IN THE ARMY, CLAUDE E. TOMES WAS RELEASED WITH 101 POINTS—THEN HE JOINED THE NAVY!



## Physio Therapy Wave a Rehabilitator To World Vets Since Spanish War

There's a WAVE Lieutenant of the Hospital Corps here who went to Spain in 1937 looking for trouble in the right way—and found it. She is Miss Eugenia Grunsky, Stockton, Calif., supervisor of the Physical Therapy Department.

"I've always been interested in the physical therapy treatment of war injuries," she says. "So when the chance came to go to Spain with a small group of West Coast nurses and doctors I took it."

While the purpose of her journey was concerned with the curing of physical ills, Miss Grunsky naturally had no truck with the social and economic gangrene being spread through Europe by Hitler and Mussolini. She worked for the Spanish republic, the recognized government in power at the time.

### Works With International Brigade

Assigned to a rehabilitation center of the International Brigade Sanitation Service at Albacete, a city of 90,000 in south central Spain, she began giving treatments under the direction of two doctors, one a Chinese; the other a Viennese surgeon.

Her technicians, corresponding to our Navy corpsmen, were of several nationalities. She spoke no Spanish. They spoke no English. However, she knew a little German. Together they knew four or five languages. That was enough to form a "bucket brigade" of interpreters. Gestures filled in the gaps left by words.

### In Charge of "Inquisition Room"

Later, after it had been noised about that there was an American in charge of the "inquisition room"—as the exercise department was known—patients who could speak some English began to come in for treatments. Miss Grunsky taught them how to use the various weight devices. These patients helped her to explain the use of the exercise machines to those who couldn't understand English.

Conditions were primitive. Although it was bitter cold in the winter time, there was no heat in the treatment rooms. Living needs had been scaled down to the barest necessities.

"When a man took off his jacket for an arm massage his teeth chattered and his hand would get blue from the cold," Miss Grunsky recalls. "Sometimes newspapers were used to keep temporarily exposed parts of the patients warm. However, paper was extremely scarce."

### Sanitation Inadequate

"The summer months were unbearably hot. Sanitation conditions were poor. In the villa where I lived flies were so thick one could scarcely see a white spot on the wall."

Added to these handicaps was a lack of up-to-date equipment. A Rumanian engineer friend of Miss Grunsky built a small dynamo to furnish electricity for the diathermy machines, which were 10 or more years old. Only one small electric heater was used for infrared treatments. There were no facilities for warm water soaking of arms and legs.

### Malnutrition Prevalent

"Resistance of the patients was low," she explains. "Malnutrition, lack of first aid treatment and



Lt. Eugenia Grunsky

lapse of time between the original injury and the start of physical therapy, were mainly responsible for the slow recovery of the men. Transportation facilities—if poor roads and a few broken down trucks could be called that—didn't help any. Consequently convalescence was slow and results often poor."

Commenting on the scarcity of certain items, Miss Grunsky cites the soap and egg situations as being typical. "The few peasants who still had chickens kept them in the same room with the family so that some sneak thief wouldn't make off with a couple of hens during the night. We, in turn, didn't dare close our eyes while washing our faces for fear our soap would be spirited away in the winking of an eye. We partially solved this problem by trading some of our soap for some of their eggs."

In April of 1938 Franco's troops were 30 miles from the main railway lines separating northern and southern Spain; so it was necessary to evacuate the patients and staff to Barcelona.

### Escapes on Last Train

Miss Grunsky tells how she and members of her unit escaped in box cars in the last train to go north before the bridge over the Ebro River was blown up. The

## Hobby Shop Arts On Display in SF

Four patients took part Tuesday, Nov. 13, in a hobby demonstration sponsored by the Red Cross Hobby Shop at a San Francisco meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the American Institute of Mining and Metallurgical Engineers.

Miss Ruth Crawford and Miss Mary Pollock of the Red Cross Hobby Shop staff directed the demonstration of work done through the Red Cross diversional craft program. The demonstration included block printing, fly tying, leather tooling and plastic work.

Patients who demonstrated the hobby skills were Pfc. John Luther, a marine, John Wininski, seaman, first class, Jack Chuirazzi, pharmacist's mate, second class, and Angelo Ferrando, fireman, second class. Samples of work done at the Red Cross Hobby Shop were displayed for members of the auxiliary, which has been a generous contributor to the Red Cross Craft Fund. Mrs. Jules Labarthe of Berkeley is president of the group.

next train, two hours behind, had been clearly marked with the hospital insignia, but it was bombed and strafed by low-flying planes. Two of the cars were burned.

After spending three weeks in Barcelona, Miss Grunsky went to a hospital in the Pyrenees. There she was stationed for two months before being sent to a resort hospital on the Spanish Riviera for another two months.

"That was a beautiful spot, much like Carmel," she remembers. "We swam in the warm Mediterranean frequently, except during the last three weeks when enemy bombing made the beaches unsafe."

### Instructor at Mills College

When Miss Grunsky returned to this country in September, 1938, she started a physio therapy practice of her own at Stockton. In 1942 and the first six months of 1943 she was an instructor in kinesiology and corrective exercises at her alma mater, Mills College.

She was commissioned a Lieutenant (j. g.) in the Hospital Corps, June of 1943, reporting for duty at this hospital in September of the same year.

Miss Grunsky studied physio therapy at Vienna in 1929. Upon her return she taught physical education at Washington State College for three years. In 1934 she attended the Northwestern University Medical School, where she took advanced courses in physio therapy.

She also has been on the physical therapy staffs of the San Joaquin County Hospital and the Children's Hospital in Los Angeles.

## New Bill Provides Attractive Bids

(SEA).—Several inducements to re-enlist in the regular Navy are offered enlisted men in a bill introduced by Sen. Walsh (Mass.). The measure has been approved by the Senate Naval Affairs Committee and has gone to the Senate for action.

Among the important provisions of the bill are:

Double enlistment allowance for men re-enlisting within 24 months of expiration of a previous enlistment. This would allow men in the first three pay grades \$100 multiplied by the number of years in their last enlistment. Men in the lower pay grades would receive \$50 times the number of years in the previous enlistment.

Eligibility for transfer to the Fleet Reserve after 16 years of service for those who re-enlist within 120 days after the passage of the act. Those who re-enlist later will become eligible for such transfer only after 20 years of service.

Travel allowance of 5 cents per mile to the original place of enlistment for enlisted men of the Reserve who are discharged in order to sign for the regular Navy.

Guaranteeing commissions for recommended chief petty officers who pass periodical examinations. Similar examinations and guarantees for men of lower rates who have had at least four years' duty. Retirement benefits for disabled enlisted men permitting them to retire at the highest rate held in active duty status.

Credit for years served in World War II for reserve personnel who were recalled to active duty after retirement following 16 years of active duty.

For enlisted men transferring to the Fleet Reserve after 20 years' service, a percentage of pay amounting to 2½ times the number of years of service. This would make the maximum retirement pay 75% of base pay instead of the present 50%.

## New Musical Instrument Works Like Typewriter

(CNS).—Maybe it's a vision of things to come in the beautiful post-war world and maybe it isn't anyway, there's a new musical instrument on the market with a keyboard like that of a typewriter. Called "typatune," it has 32 notes, weighs five pounds, is finished in red or green, and costs \$14.95 "plus delivery charges."

Music for the instrument is written in letters, instead of the conventional musical notes; that is, Stephen Foster's "Beautiful Dreamer" goes like this: NHNT RDED, etc. The ad describing typatune doesn't say what tune you'd get playing "Now is the time for all good men to come to the aid of their party."



# Off the Bookshelf

Many are the books to be found on the library bookshelves which concern themselves with California. There have been many stories and a number of descriptive books written. Interesting among these is the story of early San Francisco by Herbert Asbury about *The Barbary Coast*. Another story of San Francisco in the palmy days is *Bonanza Inn* by Lewis, while information about the famous gold rush may be found in *Anybody's Gold* by Joseph Jackson and *The Sacramento* by Julian Dana, a book in the Rivers of America series.

For those who feel romantic there is the classical story of love in Southern California by Helen Jackson called *Ramona*. For adventure and beautiful ladies, intrigue with Bolivia and Peru, there is Thelma Strabel's story of the early settling of this coast in *Storm to the South*. Irving Stone's story of Jessie Benton Fremont, *Immortal Wife*, the ambitious wife of a one-time candidate for president, tells a tale of a courageous woman pioneer of California.

Of course, we all know John Steinbeck and his interest in the manners and customs of Monterey, but did you know that A. Hobart has written a book about the vineyards of California in the early 1920's called *The Cup and the Sword*? For something quite out of the ordinary you will find *Storm* by Stewart a refreshingly different type. It is concerned with a storm as the heroine of the story.

Erle Stanley Gardner, one of the most prolific of the mystery story writers, is a resident of Los Angeles. His latest novel which we have in the library along with copies of most of his other novels is the *Case of the Half-wakened Wife*. Most of his stories are about Perry Mason, a lawyer of Los Angeles, with many a trick up his sleeve. David Dodge writes corking good mysteries about San Francisco and Los Angeles with an occasional reference to other Western localities. One of his best is *Dear the Black Sheep*. Not so long ago, H. H. Holmes put out a few detective stories about the city of the sun—Los Angeles—which will keep you guessing as to the outcome. Earl Derr Biggers stories of

## Swing Band Sends SOS For New Men

Oak Knoll's revamped "Swing Band" is urgently in need of musicians and all hospital personnel instrumentally gifted are invited to join up. Particularly welcome are trumpet and piano players.

Patients who play in the orchestra are placed in A-5, which gives them every night liberty. Staff personnel are placed on port liberty and if they play on a liberty night, liberty will be granted on a duty night.

All those interested may contact EM3c Scotty Cox in the Band Room in Ship's Service Building.

Charlie Chan, the Chinese-American detective of Los Angeles, are relaxing reading to fill an evening.

Humor about California is rollicking in Mary Lasswell's two books, *Suds in Your Eye* and *High Time*, about three old women who haven't lost touch with the world in war-crowded San Diego. Bret Harte's short stories are still among the best humor to be found about California and the West. He and Mark Twain were great friends at the time Mark Twain wrote his story of the *Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County*.

Zane Grey wrote the stories *Forlorn River* and *Nevada* about the brave men and loyal women of Northern California and Stewart E. White has written two novels of frontier life in California—*Ranchero* and *Folded Hills*—which will please the adventurous soul. Jack London, born in Napa County, California, and well-known in certain vicinities of Oakland, is one of the most famous of the Golden Bear State writers. His biography, *Sailor on Horseback*, by Irving Stone, is an engrossing story of a man with adventure cut deep into his soul.

The non-fiction numbers 917.4 and 979.4 contain books describing all parts and climes, manners and customs of California, both modern and historical. The library also has maps of San Francisco and the Bay Area, Los Angeles, and of the state. These in conjunction with the Federal Writer's Program *Guide to California* will give you ideas of places to go and things to do during your stay here.

## Able Civilian Worker of 37 Months Has Seen Thousands Back To Duty

"Saying 'no' to a man when he asks if he is eligible for leave is the hardest part of my job," said tiny Miss Elizabeth Tom as she discussed her work at the duty desk in Patient Personnel.



Miss Elizabeth Tom

Miss Tom has been sending from 250 to 300 men to duty every week for more than two years, and before that had handled discharges for six months. The work of clos-

ing service records and making out orders is easy, according to the efficient, good-natured Chinese girl, but many men still fail to understand that delayed orders are given on a basis of two and a half days for each month of overseas duty. Miss Tom checks records for leave and either gives the duty-bound service man the bad news or issues delayed orders.

Born in Oakland, Miss Tom is strictly American in ideas and education. Her parents, owners of a Chinese-American restaurant on Broadway, came her from Shanghai, China, nearly 30 years ago. A graduate of Oakland Technical High School, Miss Tom had planned to go to college. But war came, and workers were needed at Oak Knoll. October 19th marked the end of her third year on the compound.

With a view to realizing her lifelong ambition—seeing China—Miss Tom attends Mandarin School twice weekly, studying the language and customs of her oriental relatives.

## Get a Reason Why Then You Can Buy

(SEA).—Passenger cars (including jeeps), station wagons and light panel-body trucks are surplus items most sought by veterans, but they cannot get preference to buy cars for personal use unless they show need for them in jobs, Maury Maverick, chairman and general manager of the Smaller War Plants Corporation, advised the Navy.

Maverick said veterans' preference now applies to those on terminal leave and in inactive status and that SWPC or any other disposal agency can now put minimum and maximum limits on value and quantity of surplus property according to the situation concerned.

World War II veterans who meet service requirements get preference in buying surplus property for their own small business, agricultural or professional enterprises.

## Officers

### Coming . . .

Lt. (jg) Robert L. Paine (DC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Howard L. O'Dell (DC), USNR; Lt. Comdr. Mervyn J. Fuendeling (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Henry L. Silvani (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Howell E. Wiggins (MC), USN; Lt. Howard W. Hill (MC), USN; Lt. Richard E. Hughes H(S), USNR; Lt. Howard E. Mitchell (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Maurice O. Ford (HC), USN; Lt. John G. Morrison (MC), USN; Lt. Comdr. Malcolm B. Wilcox MC(S), USNR; Lt. Charles W. Reynolds (MC), USNR; Cmdr. John T. Jenkin MC(S), USNR; Lt. Earl V. Moore, Jr. (MC), USNR.

### Going . . .

Cmdr. Merrill C. Mensor (MC), USNR; Lt. Berlyn V. Farris (ChC), USNR; Lt. (jg) John L. Hollingsworth (DC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Walter M. Theobald (ChC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Jane E. Perry, W-USNR; Pharm. Charles E. Christley (HC), USNR; Pharm. Timothy P. Fitzgerald, Jr., USN; Lt. Saxton F. Bird (DC), USNR; Lt. Robert M. Montgomery (DC), USNR; Lt. Comdr. Reuben L. Larsen (MC), USN; Capt. Eric J. Ryan (MC), USNR; Lt. Comdr. Amedeo J. Losito (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Lee Harrington, Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. Robert Rowen, Jr. (DC), USNR; Lt. Cletus J. Dunn (DC), USNR; Lt. Frank G. Uhrig (DC), USNR; Lt. Comdr. Arthur N. Houston (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) E. E. Lenon (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) James H. Pass (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) James K. Martins (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Edgar K. Davis (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Ben D. Thomas (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Paul Steinhorn (MC), USNR; Lt. Harry T. R. Sweeney (DC), USNR.





# The Sporting Scene

## Cagers Whip Alameda In Practice Tilt 37-22

Oak Knoll's cagers, district league champions last year, served notice that they were out to repeat this season when they trounced Alameda 37-22 in a practice tilt. The game was played in the Hayward High School gym on Thursday, November 8.

The regulars, consisting of Cruse, Balin, Jones, Lather, and Shafer, opened the festivities for the hospital and overpowered the opposition to such an extent that they led 17-1 at the end of eight minutes. From then on substitutions were frequent and the outcome of the game never in doubt.

With a team that veterans Balin and Lather say is superior to last year's aggregation, Oak Knoll confidently faces the opening of 12th Naval District Hospital League play on December 5.

The scoring in the Alameda game:

### Oak Knoll

Cruse	2
Balin	8
Jones	8
Lather	5
Schafer	2
Slater	2
Reeves	4
Chaney	2
Turner	2
Ferguson	2

### Alameda

Ward	2
McCue	6
Baughman	5
Solomon	2
LePine	1
Kenney	0
Pope	6
Mooberry	0

## Lady Bowlers Start Play In Compound League

Bowling of the distaff variety swung into action last week with six squads of lady pin killers vying for compound honors. With their horrific team titles and tantalizing hooks (and curves) the gals are prime favorites with the GI audiences. More than 200 spectators were on hand at last week's session to watch the lovelies slay the hardwoods.

Competing in the league are the Thunderbolts (a Nurse team), the Atomic Bombers (a Nurse team), Alley Busters (Red Cross), Snafu (Wave officers), Civvies (Civilians), and another Wave team.

At present the Atomic Bombers and the Alley Busters are tied for first place with the Thunderbolts right on their heels.

"Cata" of the Thunderbolts holds high three honors with 504, followed by Nixon of the Atomic Bombers with 446.

## Wave Basketballers Trip Nurses 32-10

Whatever the sport, our Sailor-ettes are hard to beat. Champions in softball play, they bade fair to continue their triumphant reign in the cage sport when they trounced the Nurses 32-10 in a practice tilt on Wednesday, November 7.

Lt. Stockhausen and her Angels of Mercy fought valiantly to stop the sharpshooting girls in blue, but were unable to stem the tide. Jean Morrison led the Wave scoring with a healthy 15 points, ably abetted by Capt. Jean Dennison with 13 and Kay Reichenbach with 9. Scorers for the Nurses were Murphy 4, Rees 3, Black 2, Smith 1.

Popular Lt. (jg) Dorothy McLaughlin, in charge of Women's Sports here, was the capable and vociferous referee. The timekeeper was Wm. McNeil and H. P. Bencyia did the scorekeeping.

On November 21 both the Waves and Nurses traveled to Alameda for pre-season tilts. See next week's Oak Leaf for the results.

## Ship's Service Pin Stars Lead in Staff Kegling

The hospital's two compound bowling leagues were well launched in their season last week with Ship's Service well in the lead in the Black loop and with a three-place tie in the White.

In the White league Ship's Service are threatened by the Psychos and Post Office. The Ramblers, X-ray, and Dental Clinic share a three-way tie in the Black league.

The standings:

### White

Ship's Service	5	1
Psychos	4	2
Post Office	3	3
Patient Personnel	2	4
Interns	2	4
Wel. & Rec.	2	4

### Black

Ramblers	3	0
X-ray	3	0
Dental Clinic	3	0
Central Supply	0	3
Physio	0	3
Rookies	0	3

## Navy Develops Fungus Infection Remedy

(SEA).—A new and highly effective remedy developed by Bu-Med for "athlete's foot" and other common fungus infections has successfully passed tests involving more than 5,600 men. Known as undecylenic powder, it cured 90% of both moderate and severe "athlete's foot" and groin infections in two or three weeks, and held contraction of these infections to 4% and 7%, respectively.

## Pin Squad Vets Win In District League Opener

League play for Oak Knoll's district kegling champs began Tuesday night, November 13, with a sparkling win over the Maritime Officers of Alameda by a 2517 to 2210 score.

In control at every stage of the meet, Oak Knoll's veteran team was paced by Winters with a total of 569. The other members of the hospital team were Lather, King, Dr. Harris, and Wagoner.

In pre-season tilts Oak Knoll's pinmen have edged out both Shoemaker and Naval Supply Depot and from all indications will be there at the head of the line when the trophies are handed out.

## Scuttlebutt

Homer of Dental Clinic is a horticultural fan—he is particularly fond of a **Rose**. While **Rose's** interests (need we say it) are literary—she prefers **Homer**.

It is said that Dental Clinic's Romeo, **Carl Ferris**, operates not only all day but also—part of the night.

All the gals in Physio have their points (ask the editor—he knows) but unfortunately—they're frozen. And speaking of Physio, **Martha, Mary, Penny** and \$13 took a trip to Carmel last weekend. Result: **Mary Bryde** is now known as "Bubbles." We can't tell you why. After all . . .

Lab's **Ernie Beaubien** has gotten himself engaged to a Frisco gal. Current affinities among the test tubes: **Dugan** and **Bubbles, Tommy** and his "cousin," **Marchese** and **Jeanie** with the light brown hair (and is **Maggie** furious!). **Bacto**, a

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penberthy



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Congratulations go to **Marge Calland** and **Max Crist**, two of our favorite people, on their recently announced engagement.

**Checki**, toothless wonder of Surgery 1, is said to have perfected the Atomic Kiss. One osculation and you hit the roof.

When **Otto Maag** had a tooth pulled, **Barbara Scholl** nursed him back to health. A tusk of love, we hear.

Patient personnel welcomes back two of its Waves as civilian workers: **Tommy Thomas** and **Mary Young**.





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## Kids' Yule Fest Stars GI Santa

Plans for the annual Christmas Party for the children of All Hands were well under way last week with the committee in charge pledged to make this first post-war Yule the most festive of all. The party will be held Monday, December 24, from 1400 to 1600 in the Auditorium.

By special arrangement, the services of the distinguished Mr. Santa Claus have been secured and he will be there to pass out the gifts. Refreshments and entertainment, all aimed at small fry tastes, will help to make this the junior event of the year.

### Committee at Work

Members of the committee which is already hard at work on the project are: Mrs. A. H. Dearing, Mrs. W. R. Manlove, Mrs. A. M. Snell, Mrs. H. Hirshland, Mrs. S. C. Puckle, Mrs. J. A. Rose, Mrs. W. B. Martin, Mrs. A. W. Vinson, Miss Dorothea Kimbel, and Miss Frances Dearing.

Wave volunteers to act in the capacity of Santa Claus Helpers are needed and they are invited to sign up with the MAA in the barracks.

Invitation blanks, which must be filled out for the children who intend to come, may be found on the Wards, in the Physical Therapy and OPD departments, and in the Welfare and Recreation Office. See Lt. (jg) Dorothy L. McLaughlin for further details. The filled-in blanks should be returned by December 3.

## Big Reserve Fleet On Inactive List

(SEA).—An inactive reserve fleet of 2,080 ships will soon be sealed and laid up by the Navy in 14 stateside ports. Another 5,500 vessels are scheduled for sale or scrap.

Of the inactive units 1,007 are slated for East Coast berthing, 924 for West Coast and 149 for Gulf areas. Ships will be kept airtight and stocked with nonperishable stores. They can be manned within 10 days and ready for action after a 20-day shakedown cruise.

All larger combatant vessels will be staffed with skeleton caretaker crews.



"Somehow, I ain't got the heart to shoot him."

## Pee-wee and Butch, Marine Veterans Form Laurel and Hardy Combo Here

By Lt. A. W. Vinson USMCR

Two Marine patients who became fast friends soon after they first met here over a year ago never traveled with a circus, but when the mood moves them they shake bored bunk mates out of the doldrums with a three-ring performance.

They are Gunnery Sergeant L. A. (Pee-wee) Krummel, Joplin, Missouri, and Corporal Martin T. (Butch) Weprich, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Except that Pee-wee never feigns a sad face, they are a Laurel-and-Hardy pair in size as well as periodic antics. Butch tips 240 pounds and Pee-wee shades 135.

### Butch a Former Football Pro

A former steel mill roller and professional football player, Butch—if he was a civilian—would like to chop ten years off his thirty-one and go back to the gridiron. Now, however, after almost six years in the Marine Corps he plans to make a career of it if his disability permits continued service. He is as blunt-spoken and honest as he is hefty.

### Pee-wee a Leatherneck Vet

Pee-wee at 41 looks like a dead-

end kid grown up to long pants. With more than eighteen years in the Marine Corps behind him, he has helped to put the "leather" in leatherneck.

Although they didn't know it at the time, Butch (22nd Marines) and Pee-wee (9th Marines) first crossed paths during the Guam campaign where both were wounded. A chunk of mortar shell ripped a hole in Butch's right shoulder which he stuffed with a rag until he reached the battalion aid station. Machine gun fire struck Pee-wee in both shoulders and knocked him down. He got up, started forward and was finally stopped when a burst of fire hit him in the legs. Today Pee-wee goes around with a "drop-foot" and Butch has a fouled up "gimp."

### Out of Combat, Not Action

While comedy and poker playing have helped them pass away many hours, no one could call Pee-wee and Butch a couple of broken-down Marines with no trade-in value. Out of combat for several months by reason of their disabilities, they have been far from "out-of-action".

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## No Lull Here Since Victory

With the de-commissioning of Fleet Hospital 113 in San Francisco and with Oak Knoll taking on again the duties of a receiving hospital, convoys have become an almost daily phenomenon. More than 700 overseas veterans have found a hospitable home here in the last week.

The arrival of the USS Refuge and the USS Darke on Sunday, November 18 brought 265 patients to Oak Knoll. On Monday, November 19, the USS Saratoga and the USS Sibley docked with 244 patients bound for this hospital. The USS Hendry on Tuesday, November 20 swelled the total with 197 more wounded and ailing GI's.

### Demobilization Upped

Demobilization continues its merry pace at Oak Knoll with a total of 105 enlisted personnel scheduled to leave December 1. The total includes 53 hospital corps gobs and 52 Waves.

Previous to the homeward trek set for December, Ens. Betty Ross, Wave Personnel Officer, reports that 66 Waves left during October and 32 during November.

PhM2c Robert Scott and his associates who handle the point tallying for corpsmen say the November 1 group numbered 45. It is expected that January separations will equal those for December.

## He'll Drum for Officers



When the Officers have their gala dance at the Club House on Saturday evening, November 24, Dick Reinhardt and his CBS Recording Orchestra will furnish the music and the old maestro himself will man the traps.



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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Teacher in Blue

Most of us will be getting out soon and going back to our own kind of people and our own kind of little world, whether we live in a city, town or village.

We are not going back empty handed.

We may not know it but we have been all through college. We've been through the greatest college in the world, the University of Democracy.

Our campus has been the world, our classrooms were our stations and our text-books the people we knew, our buddies, the natives on Saipan or the people we met in New York and San Francisco. Their thoughts, their feelings, their ideas and problems were our lessons.

Remember back in grade school when they used to tell you lots of things about this and that and occasionally brought up a thing called Democracy.

When you heard it, visions of George Washington, Valley Forge, the Declaration of Independence or Abraham Lincoln might have flashed through your mind; but the family next door or the "kid" in the next seat were probably not included in those "democratic visions." They should have been—Democracy is all-inclusive.

Whether we were sweating out an air attack or a chow line we were aware of the "guy in the next seat."

We knew that no matter what his color, his race or his creed that "guy in the next seat" was experiencing the same feelings, headaches and heartaches we were.

We learned about Democracy not by talking about it or reading about it, but by experiencing it.

We have learned in the "University" that men can live together, play together, fear together and fight together.

We have proven in our "University" that Naziism, Fascism and all the other "isms" were wrong.

We have shown the world that the Democracy we fought for was a real and living thing.

Our discharge papers are our diplomas. We will be the teachers in our "New World." We will be the ones to teach our children and the people back home the lessons "The University" has taught us.

We must not shirk our responsibility. It is up to us, the teachers, to build a house of bricks and not of sand.

We have had the greatest education in the world.

LET'S USE IT.

—Fleet City News.

### "Popular Science" Offers Prizes for Handicraft

(SEA).—A \$3,300 prize contest for the best handicraft by a serviceman or woman or veteran has been announced by *Popular Science Monthly*. Prizes range from a \$1,000 top to 50 awards of \$25. Entries should be sent to the magazine's Servicemen's Handicraft Contest Editor not later than 1 April 1946.

Marine: "Say, that was some blonde with you last night. Where did you meet her?"

Sailor: "I dunno. I just opened my wallet and there she was."

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A Kentucky hillbilly watched his wife cooking victuals.

"Better move a mite, maw," he said. "You be standing on a live coal."

"That so, son?" said maw. " . . . Which foot?"

## House Considers Liberalizing GI Loan and Education Benefits

More liberal loan and education benefits under the GI Bill of Rights are offered in a bill passed by the Senate and now under consideration in the House.

Among the increased loan advantages sought are: a period of 10 years instead of five during which loans may be made; 40 years instead of 20 for repayment of farm loans and 25 years for non-farm loans; authorization for loans on farms or businesses to include value of supplies, capital and inventory as well as real estate; and loans based on "reasonable value" of property instead of on "reasonable normal value."

Educational benefits would be open to veterans of any age instead of those 25 or under. Subsistence would be increased to \$65 monthly for single veterans, \$90 for those with dependents, and \$105 for disabled veterans. Correspondence

courses and intensive technical courses would be allowed. Any money paid out for a veteran's education would not be deducted from any future veteran's bonus.

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. Cmdr. Jack D. Moore (MC) USNR  
 Lt. Allen B. Barbour (MC) USNR  
 (Jg) Melvin B. Black (MC) USNR  
 Cmdr. William N. Pope (MC) USNR  
 Cmdr. David S. Zealear (MC) USNR  
 Charles B. Newton (MC) USNR, Lt.  
 William F. Summers (ChC) USNR

### Going

Cmdr. Elbert H. Caldwell MC(S) USNR  
 Cmdr. William B. Chew MC(S) USNR  
 Cmdr. Harrison C. Brown (MC) USNR  
 Lt. (Jg) Philip R. Sanfilippo (MC) USNR  
 Lt. (Jg) John A. Knebel (MC) USNR  
 Ens. Ellsworth R. Schuck H(S) USNR  
 Lt. Cmdr. Isidore Finkelman (MC) USNR  
 Lt. Raye V. Thompson (HC) USNR  
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## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Preparation for Christmas

The Advent season is a time to prepare the heart, soul, and mind for Christmas. As we anticipate an emphasis on the meaning of the birth of Christ, let each one prepare himself that he may receive a greater blessing from celebrating the birthday of the Saviour.

To be fully aware of the meaning of Christ's coming, one should, in the first place, know the Word of God. The Bible is the revelation of God that both prophesies and presents Christ. Knowing the Word will prepare people for Christmas. "Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee." "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." "Study to show thyself approved unto God . . . rightly dividing the word of truth."

Prayer is the second essential for true preparation. The apostle Paul says, "Pray without ceasing." And again, "Every creature of God is good. . . . For it is sanctified by the Word of God and prayer." Jesus taught his disciples to pray. Every person should make ready his life for the Christmas message by constant communion with God in prayer.

Worshiping together is another important means by which the heart and soul and mind are prepared for Christmas. The Psalmist sang, "O come, let us worship and bow down. Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness, fear before him all the earth." It would be well for each person to make a spiritual and physical effort to attend the Sunday and week-day services in the Chapel, for through them he will be brought closer to God.

If these three steps, Bible reading, prayer and communal worship are followed closely by all of us, we may be sure that Christmas will be more than outward celebrating; it will be a spiritual awakening. Christ coming anew into our lives giving us again the vision of what it means to be a Christian.

CHAPLAIN T. MURDOCK HALE

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley.

### Sunday—

Morning Service . . . . . 1000  
 Communion Service . . . . . 1100  
 Evening Vespers . . . . . 1930

### Weekday—

Morning Devotions . . . . . 0730  
 Vesper Service . . . . . 1600  
 Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel) —1800.  
 Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
 Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.  
 Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.  
 Confessions before all Masses.  
 Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons, Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 184. Divine Service—2000 Friday. The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

### Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.



## Our Doctor

All neurosurgery except that concerned with peripheral nerves is the scope of Lt. Cmdr. Francis K. Bradford's work at Oak Knoll. His infinite skill, enduring patience, and keen observation plus years of training in his specialty have made him one of the country's top-flight neurosurgeons and have won for

during a six-hour operation is extremely tedious.

The high morale among men on the ward is another source of satisfaction to Dr. Bradford. He is especially proud of the cooperative spirit shown by his group of speech defect patients, who—recovering gradually from brain injuries—coach each other in speech-restoring exercises and in many ways are responsible for their own progress.



Lt. Cmdr. Francis K. Bradford MC(S) USNR

in the highest regard among patients under his care.

### A Master of Delicate Surgery

Usually the 43-wards are thought of as a center for treatment of intracranial injuries or brain tumors. For it is there that Dr. Bradford and Dr. David Eder handle these cases, as well as spinal cord injuries and other back ailments. Dr. Bradford considers intervertebral disc surgery his forte, and during the past year he has performed more than 60 operations, correcting painful spinal defects resulting from herniation of the normally well-behaved cartilaginous discs between the vertebrae. Operations of this type usually require approximately two hours of surgery.

Not so "brief" are brain tumor removals, which may keep a patient on the operating table as long as six hours. Removal of infected portions of bone damaged by gunshot or shrapnel wounds of the head is another of the many delicate jobs that come under the heading of everyday work for Dr. Bradford's ward medical officer.

### Praises HC Personnel

Doctor Bradford, modest regarding his own achievements and fine reputation, is emphatic and sincere in his praise of the nurses, corpsmen, and Waves who work with him on the ward and in surgery. Theirs is a difficult job because of the pre-operative and post-operative treatment of neurosurgical cases require a maximum of time and skill, and assisting in surgery

Born in Newport News, Virginia, Dr. Bradford spent his early years in that area. At Randolph-Macon, a 250-student college in Ashland, Virginia, he majored in mathematics, receiving an AB degree in 1931 as result of studies there. Two years later he had completed work for his MD at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. After an internship at the University of Wisconsin General Hospital in Madison, he spent three years at work in the University of Chicago clinics as an associate of the noted neurosurgeon, Dr. Percival Bailey. Later he worked in neurosurgery with Dr. Glen Spurling at the University of Louisville, Kentucky.

Well-established in his specialty, he opened private practice in Houston, Texas, in 1939. There he served on the staffs of several hospitals before he was called to the Navy. In May, 1942, he reported to the U. S. Naval Hospital, Pensacola, Florida, and after four and a half months was transferred to Bethesda, Maryland, for a year's tour of duty. He reported to Oak Knoll on October 1, 1943.

Dr. Bradford was qualified in 1940 by the American Board of Neurological Surgery. He is a member of the American Academy of Neurosurgery, of the Harvey Cushing Society, AOA honorary professional fraternity, and Sigma Xi, scientific honorary group.

### Authors Book on Specialty

In addition to his many other achievements, the lieutenant commander is co-author with Dr. Spurling of "The Intervertebral

## Million Air Jobs By '55 Says CAA

(SEA).—There will be nearly a million jobs in aviation by 1955, the Civil Aeronautics Administration predicts. This will be 750,000 more than in 1939.

Based on a 30% annual increase in civil aircraft, the CAA estimates that 901,300 persons will be involved in transporting 20,000,000 passengers in 400,000 planes. This one industry would account for 6% of all new jobs needed to achieve national full employment.

In addition to domestic passengers, CAA envisions 2,000,000 taking transoceanic flights.

Disc," a technical volume now in its second edition.

Athletically, Dr. Bradford's chief interests are tennis and swimming, and those who have seen him in action say that at both he is an accomplished performer.

At the mention of a hobby, the surgeon quickly produced a series of snapshots of his engaging five-months-old daughter Ann. She, her big sisters—Amy, age 7, and Meg, 3—and their mother are favorite photographic subjects for the doctor, who enjoys taking, processing, and enlarging his own snapshots.

"Occasionally I have to make a boomerang or a boxkite to keep the girls happy," the doctor added with a smile that indicated complete devotion to duty at home as well as at the hospital.

Tom: "So, you met your wife at a dance. Wasn't that romantic?"

Ben: "No. Embarrassing. I thought she was at home taking care of the kids."

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

26 Nov.—Round Table Series: "News Developments," Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

27 Nov.—Lecture & Discussion: "Athletic Coaching & Physical Education," Lt. B. L. Gustafson (Physical Training, U.S.N.H., Oakland).

28 Nov.—Lecture & Discussion: "Graphic Arts," Lt. (jg) R. E. Duncan (Photo Arts, U.S.N.H., Oakland).

29 Nov.—Lecture & Discussion: "Insurance," Lt. H. S. Critchlow (Insurance Officer, U.S.N.H., Oakland).

30 Nov.—Round Table Discussion: "Pharmacy as a Career," PhM2c E. D. Juday, HA1c C. E. Nicol (Pharmacy, U.S.N.H., Oakland).

## Navy Mothers Schedule "Sailor's Night" Nov. 28.

The November social meeting of the Oakland Navy Mothers Club, "Sailor's Night," on November 28, Blue Room Madison Street Temple, at 8 p. m., is open to visitors, and interested parties are welcomed. If your son is in the "Post-War" Navy, come and see what you can do to help another mother's son in this area.

"Grandma! Use the bottle opener. You'll ruin your gums."

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"Did you two hear any good radio programs tonight?"



**To buy..sell..rent..**

**NOTICE:** "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

**To Sell . . .**

Gas Range, \$35. Call TR 6862.  
G. E. Electric Vacuum, 1939 model, excellent condition, priced reasonably. Call SW 8814.  
1937 Harley-Davidson Motorcycle, 61 model, buddy seat, saddlebags, good shape. Contact Paul Gunderman, ward 80B.

**Wanted . . .**

Two-bedroom cottage or apartment at a reasonable price. If you know of such a place, contact Lt. (jg) Ralph E. Duncan, Graphic Arts Dept., Phone 183.

Three competent men who wish to make extra Christmas money during spare time. Not necessary to leave hospital. Must be good salesmen. Contact L. A. Kerfoot, ward 60A.

Free-lance writer wanted to write scenarios (narration and continuity) for commercial films. San Francisco firm making commercial and educational films would like to give this work to a veteran. Communicate with Maria Constantine, 753 Bush St., San Francisco.

**Wanted to Buy . . .**

Heater for Car, preferably hot water type. Also Car Radio. F. S. Tennant, Discharge Office, Ext. 225.

**Lost . . .**

Blue Waterman Fountain Pen in Ship's Service Building. Sentimental value, reward. Please return to HA1c A. Stanchoff, Western Union Office in lobby.

Silver link chain Bracelet with engraving. Finder please mail to S1c James L. Holmberg, Div. 15, USN Mag, Port Chicago, California. Suitable reward.

Lucite Plastic Compact, gold trimmed, in Ship's Service Building on Nov. 13. Finder please return to Red Cross Information Office or call SW 5917.

Class Ring, "Pleasantville, 1943." Please return to Post Office Directory. Reward. Jean Colcord.

Black and white striped Shaefer fountain pen on 11-21-45. Finder please return to R. A. Anderson, HA1c, Ward 51A. Reward.

**Found . . .**

Fountain Pen near library. See Hank at the Survey Office.

Fountain Pen. Call Miss Butler, 50B.

Pair of Glasses left in car on November 12. Contact Oak Leaf, Ext. 230.

**To Rent . . .**

Apartment for rent. No children. Call TR 0441 after 7 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday.

**"Red River Valley" Is Up Their Alley**

The strains of "Red River Valley" and other hill-billy ballads tunelessly enlivened proceedings on the top deck of the Ship's Service Building last week by courtesy of MoM1c Leroy Rousseau, SC1c John Thresher, and Red Cross instruments. Rousseau, who hails from Mercedes, Texas, and Thresher, a Maysville, Arkansawyer, both look forward to the day when they will be playing at their hometown square dances.

**Navy Moms Still On War-Time Basis**

According to their regular custom, Oakland Navy Mothers Club held open house on Thanksgiving Day at Bluejackets' Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue, serving turkey with all the trimmings, buffet style, to the men as they came in. Mrs. Ardella Madsen, 2310 - 64th Ave., was chairman for the day, assisted by the Housemother, Mrs. Ora "Mom" Fenwick.

Music is always "on tap" at the Haven, from a super juke box, a gift of the California Music Operators' Association. The latest records are always at hand, and loud speakers make it possible to reach the whole building for dancing.

Tuesday, November 20, the friends who have so kindly helped at Bluejackets' Haven rolling bandages were honored at a 12:30 luncheon. Members and friends continue rolling bandages for use at the Naval Hospital every Monday evening and every Tuesday during the day. Mrs. Charlotte Bell was hostess for the Tuesday luncheon, assisted by Mrs. Jesse Teegarden.

The monthly card party at 1 p.m., November 26, will be under the direction of Mrs. Mary Haesloop. Come and bring a friend. Score cards are 35c. Good prizes.

If you need aprons or dish towels, come to the Navy Mothers' Christmas Bazaar at the Haven on December 5. Other handwork will be sold, and meals will be served from 12 noon until 7 in the evening.

**Pee-wee and Butch Are Staunch Pair**

(Continued from Page 1)

During their time in this hospital they have been touring the Bay Area and Northern Counties as a speakers' team. They've been backing up the war bond, blood donor and War Chest campaigns by giving speeches to civic clubs, high schools, church groups, ship yards and street rallies.

Of course, it should be pointed out that Pee-wee wasn't doing any after dinner speaking during the 18 months he was chasing Sandino and his bandit guerillas through the Nicaraguan hills in 1927 and 1928; nor was he making any "Grass Shack" liberties in 1937 when he and the Fourth Marine Regiment were on duty in the International Settlement, Shanghai, at the start of the Japanese-Chinese war just across Soochow Creek from them; and he wasn't playing backgammon while on the front lines at Bougainville for 58 days.

**Butch In Seven Landings**

In some ways Butch had an equally comfortable time. During three months in the Marshall Islands Campaign he took a Higgins "water taxi" from ship to shore for seven combat landings. He describes them as two major raids and five small "blitzes".

After these operations he went to rest in covered pits at Roi and Namur before going to Guadalcanal to train for the Guam battle.

Today Pee-wee and Butch are

**On and Off the Base****On the Compound . . .****AUDITORIUM MOVIES**

Sat., Nov. 24—"See Here, Pvt. Hargrove," Robert Walker and Donna Reed.

Sun., Nov. 25—"My Name Is John Ross," Nina Foch and George Macready.

Mon., Nov. 26—"Thank You for the Lucky Stars," All Star Cast.

Tues., Nov. 27—"Stork Club," Betty Hutton and Barry Fitzgerald.

Wed., Nov. 28—"Ding Dong William," March McGuire and James Warren.

Thurs., Nov. 29—"Pillow Death," Lon Chaney and Brenda Joyce.

Fri., Nov. 30—"Confidential Agent," Charles Boyer and Lauren Bacall.

Sat., Dec. 1—"Swingshift Maisie," Ann Sothern and James Craig.

(Note: There will be movies at 1500 on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday of this week.)

**EVENTS**

Mon., Nov. 26—All Hands Dance at 2030, sponsored by Sarah Rosenberg.

Tues., Nov. 27—"Smiles," YMCA Variety Show at 1930.

Wed., Nov. 28—"Happy Daze," USO Show at 1730.

Thurs., Nov. 29—"Hollywood on Broadway," USO Show at 1730.

**In Oakland . . .****MUSIC AND THEATRE**

**Auditorium Theatre**—Jazz Concert, Tuesday, Nov. 27 at 8:30. "Blossom Time," operetta, on Dec. 10 and 11.

**In San Francisco . . .****MUSIC AND THEATRE**

**Curran**—"Blossom Time," Operetta.

**Geary**—"Dear Ruth," Comedy.

**Opera House**—Ballet Russe de Monte Carlo. Nightly at 8:30; matinees Saturday and Sunday at 2:30.

**Music Hall**—"The Drunkard," with refreshments included. Nightly at 8:30 except Monday.

**Radio Broadcasts**—Free tickets in Recreation Office for "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.; "Who's Lucky Tonight," every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.; "Night Editor," every Friday at 9:00 p.m.

not worrying about tomorrow. Instead they amuse mutual buddies with their combined wit (two halves make a whole) and are looking forward to pitching a 90-day liberty together in Los Angeles after the first of the year.

A sailor en route back to camp after his leave was persuaded by a pretty blonde to give her his seat in the plane. He wired his Commanding Officer: "Gave birth to a girl. Arrive by next plane."

Reply by CO: "Congratulations. Your next confinement will be in the brig."



CASE OF THE WEEK

# Buell Slaughter, Like Humpty Dumpty, Had a "Great Fall"

S1c Buell Eugene Slaughter USN is a kind of Humpty-Dumpty, the only difference being that after Slaughter took his "great fall," they were able to get him back together again. It has been a slow



process but it takes more than a few broken bones to keep this fellow down.

## Falls Forty Feet

Slaughter, who enlisted when he was 14, was a member of the crew of the USS Monrovia APA 31. His ship was anchored at Manila and he was helping the rest of the crew tidy her up. His detail consisted in applying a much needed coat of battleship grey to one of the booms. As he sat in a boatswain's chair suspended from the mast, the holding device accidentally gave way and Humpty-Dumpty Slaughter went plummeting downward to the deck forty feet below. Needless to say, he did not bounce.

He was rushed to sick bay where a hurried inventory revealed fractures of the right femur, right ankle, left ankle, and right wrist. In addition there was a deep gash on his forehead. The doctor gave him a unit of plasma, a tetanus booster shot, and enough morphine to make him more comfortable.

## Put Together Again

The laceration on his forehead was stitched together and his fractured wrist put in plaster. The fracture of the left ankle was complicated by being badly dislocated. This was reduced as well as possible and also placed in a cast. The right leg was immobilized by a Thomas splint and two days later he was transferred to Fleet Hospital 114.

Examination there showed that excessive swelling had made his casts too tight. Doctors removed the casts immediately and after giving him a unit of blood, they really went to work on him. He was placed in a double hip spica, a kind of "Iron Mary" which extended from the base of his chest down to include both legs.

## Arrives Here Oct. 2

Two more units of blood followed and he was evacuated to Alea Heights by air. Here the casts

began causing trouble again. Skin sloughs had developed on his hand and on his left ankle. The surgeons cut windows through the plaster and were able to treat the areas effectively. Finally, on October 2, 1945, nearly a month after his injury, he was sent to Oak Knoll.

When X-rays taken here revealed a backward bending of his right femur, it was necessary to rebreak the fracture and apply a new cast. About two weeks later his left ankle came under the surgeon's knife. The scaphoid bone of the foot was found badly fragmented and out of place. For this reason the doctors fused the bones of his foot.

Although Slaughter is not quite back together again, he is well on the way. After it is accomplished he is going to see his dad in Philadelphia and then wants to study electrical engineering. There is one thing he is quite sure he won't do—and that is to be a steeplejack.

## Want to Build a Port? Seabees Can Do It!

(SEA).—The biggest single construction job in the war against Japan was the Seabee's conversion of Guam into the second busiest war port in the world. Only Antwerp, Belgium, handled more cargo than Guam's four-mile anchorage.

On Tinian Island, the Seabees built the largest air-field in the world.

Other great Seabee jobs included a huge supply base and tank farm in the Admiralties; a 3,000 bed fleet hospital on Samar; a bomber base on Iwo Jima; and 800 miles of roads, 11 airstrips and housing for 300,000 civilians on Okinawa.

## USES Lists Job Chances by City

The best places in the country to find jobs now, the U. S. Employment Service says, are Sacramento and Stockton, Calif.; Washington, D. C.; Peoria, Ill.; St. Joseph, Mo.; Long Branch and Perth Amboy, N. J.; Charleston, S. C.; Knoxville, Tenn.; Salt Lake City and Ogden, Utah; and Richmond and Hampton Roads, Va.

Your poorest chances would be in San Diego, Calif.; Evansville and South Bend, Ind.; Wichita, Kans.; Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Muskegon, Mich.; Buffalo and Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Tulsa, Okla.; Scranton and Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

Job situations in other parts of the country are:

**Alabama:** Montgomery—fair; Birmingham and Mobile—tough; **Arizona:** Phoenix—tough; **Arkansas:** Little Rock—tough; **California:** San Francisco Bay and San Jose—fair; Los Angeles, San Bernardino-Riverside area—tough; **Colorado:** Denver—fair; **Connecticut:** Bridgeport, Hartford, New Britain, New Haven and Waterbury—tough; **Delaware:** Wilmington—fair; **Florida:** Miami, Tampa, Jacksonville—tough; **Georgia:** Atlanta, Brunswick, Savannah—fair; Macon—tough; **Illinois:** Quad Cities and Rockford—fair; Chicago, Joliet, Springfield-Decatur—tough; **Indiana:** Ft. Wayne, Gary—Hammond—South Chicago—fair; Indianapolis, Muncie and Terre Haute—tough.

**Iowa:** Sioux City—fair; Des Moines—tough; **Kentucky:** Louisville—tough; **Louisiana:** New Orleans—fair; Shreveport—tough; **Maine:** Portland—tough; **Maryland:** Baltimore—fair; **Massachusetts:** Boston-Quincy-Bingham, Fitchburg, New Bedford—fair; Fall River, Lawrence, Lowell, Springfield-Holyoke-Northampton, Worcester, Lynn-Salem—tough; **Michigan:** Pontiac, Saginaw-Bay City—tough; **Minnesota:** Minneapolis-St. Paul—fair; Duluth—tough; **Missouri:** St. Louis and Kansas City—tough; **Nebraska:** Lincoln and Omaha—fair; **New Hampshire:** Manchester and Portsmouth—fair; **New Jersey:** Newark, Paterson, Trenton—tough; **New York:** Albany—Schenectady—Troy, New York City, Syracuse, Utica-Rome—fair; Binghamton, Elmira, Rochester—tough.

**North Carolina:** Charlotte, Durham-Raleigh, Winston-Salem, Greensboro—fair; **Ohio:** Akron, Dayton-Springfield—fair; Canton-Massillon-Alliance, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, Toledo, Youngstown-Warren—tough; **Oklahoma:** Oklahoma City—tough; **Oregon:** Portland—tough; **Pennsylvania:** Allentown, Erie, Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Reading-Pottstown—fair; Altoona, Pittsburgh, Sharon—tough; **Rhode Island:** Providence-Pawtucket—Woonsocket—tough; **Tennessee:** Chattanooga and Nashville—fair; Memphis—tough; **Texas:** Austin, Beaumont, El Paso, Houston, San Antonio—fair; Dallas and Ft. Worth—tough; **Washington:** Spokane—fair; Seattle-Bremerton, Tacoma, Vancouver—tough; **West Virginia:** Wheeling—fair; Charleston, Huntington, Clarksburg—Fairmont—Morgantown—tough; **Wisconsin:** Madison-Merrimac, Milwaukee, Racine—fair; Superior—tough.

## Life on the Wards

By Dorothy Witte

Sunday afternoon at Oak Knoll is a pleasant time. Then our "biggest little city in the world" looks like a country club, with the greening hills warm in the sunshine and a mellow breeze that feels like spring. Up on one of our better hills near 47B the bright awning chairs are filled with loungers, newcomers to Oak Knoll, who arrived Sunday morning from Saipan and Okinawa and long term sea duty.

Among them CM1c Walter Shaw whittles out a tiny bulldog from white pine. A prize-winning wood-carver, he can turn out a Scotty or his favorite "dejected horse" in half an hour. Both are excellent items for the Christmas trade. His best pieces, however, are carved from teakwood which he brought back from Morotai, off the northern coast of New Guinea. One, a 16-inch figure copied from the French painting, "La Source," won a prize at the state fair in Illinois.

About half way down the hill, more sunseekers roll out on the ramp in their beds and wheel chairs. Francis Ludwig of 42A collects autographs on his cast from the Sunday strollers, feminine gender, passing down the hill, and tries his skillful hand at a yarn handball from the Red Cross craft shop. Maybe it's for someone in Wilmington, N. C., the Marine's home town, but he won't talk.

One of life's little ironies is recounted by Randall Smith, of Raleigh, Mo. After storming around in the Pacific, and collecting nothing more alarming than a gaudy Jap doll, a delicately painted fan, and a miniature bugle from the miniature soldiers of Nippon, Mr. Smith gladly set foot upon American soil—and proceeded to break his ankle. He was folding his six-foot-three frame into a five-foot hatch when the mishap occurred.

Vying in popularity with the grass skirts made from salvage parachute cord, which have been understandably popular craft items with the men in 63A and B are some new and noisier numbers introduced by William Harmon, a master of metalcraft. Mr. Harmon and Robert Grapes are beating out metal trays and bowls and ash-trays in the craft shop until the din becomes overwhelming. Then they move out on the back porch, where they can pound in peace. Just now they are wondering how it would sound to have their whole ward pounding vigorously, like the An-vii Chorus.

"Oh, John, it will be our silver wedding tomorrow. Let's kill the pig."

"What's the use of murdering the poor pig for what happened 25 years ago?"

## THE ATOMIC BOMB IS NOT KIND



Official Marine Corps Photograph  
The searing effects of the atomic bomb on a Nagasaki survivor are studied by Navy Lt. Thomas M. Brown of Mitaria, La., conferring with the head of the Saga General Hospital Staff.



# X-Ray Dept. Gets "Inside" on Patients' Conditions



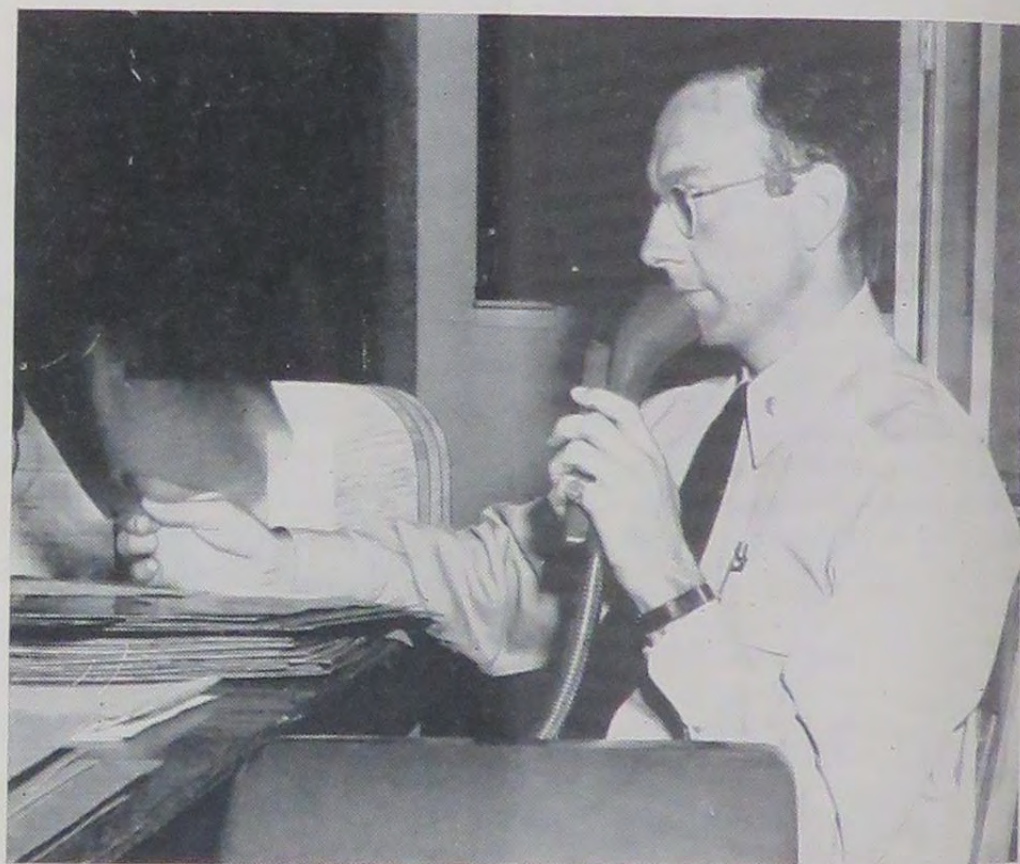
Cmdr. John D. Camp, head of the department, supervises the administration of X-ray therapy assisted by HA1c Bill Woods.



PhM3c Frank Blue has an attractive subject for his X-ray photography but the result will be scientific rather than glamorous.



To Lt. Ruth V. Hoyt (NNC), PhM3c Phyllis Glenn, and PhM3c Wilma Mengali goes the job of dealing with the public and their daily quota of X-rays.



Lt. (jg) Sydney F. Thomas is shown during his daily chore of "boxing the shadows" in the film of a patient's interior and transcribing his findings via dictaphone.

As important a part of the Navy patient's belonging as his Health Record are the pictures of his interior that follow him throughout his hospital career. Taking care of these X-rays and adding new ones of an estimated 80% of the patients here is the job of our busy X-ray department.

## All Films Diagnosed

Nor is that all. Each of these pictures is given the expert diagnostic attention of the head of the department, Cmdr. John D. Camp, Lt. (jg) Sydney F. Thomas, or Lt. Allen Barbour. On an average, X-rays of 4500 patients are processed in a month.

Not so well known is the other phase of the work of this department—X-ray therapy. About 600 treatments a month are given, including both superficial therapy and deep therapy.

Using the most modern X-ray equipment available, the department's expert diagnosticians ferret out the presence of fractures, gunshot wounds, and diseases of the lungs and systems of the body. Study of the diseases of the gastrointestinal tract are supplemented by fluoroscopic examination.

Then, in addition to the usual equipment there is the special apparatus for Kymography, a specialized technique for studying the movements of the heart, and the Tomograph, which permits the making of X-rays at any selected level or depth in the body.

## Developing a Big Business

Perhaps the busiest but also the least known phase of X-ray work is the Dark Room where 6500 films are developed in a month.

Heading the department's quota of Wave and Corpsmen technicians and workers is capable and busy

Lt. Ruth Hoyt of the Nurse Corps.

Dr. Camp, a graduate of Boston University medical school, was for many years a Roentgenologist at the famed Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, before entering the

Navy on July 1, 1942. After duty at Corona, he came to Oak Knoll in April of 1944. He will return to his work at the Mayo Clinic upon his release from the Navy in the not too distant future.

## ORCHIDS TO OPD

The following letter was received here last week by Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN, Medical Officer in Command:

Dear Sir:

You probably receive many more letters of blame than of praise, so I decided to let you know that I consider it an honor to have received care at your hospital.

On September 30 I had a baby girl and then spent nine days on Ward 73B. The care was better than I would have expected at the finest, most

expensive private hospital. Nurses, Doctors, and Waves took a personal interest in me, and did everything possible for my welfare. I never even had to ring the buzzer twice! The food, too, was excellent, especially that roast beef.

Congratulations on having so well-run a hospital that its fame is nation-wide. And my personal thanks to you for the excellent care I received.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Henry A. Daum.



## Off the Bookshelf

How about it! Do you like to feel your hair stiffen on your head or feel tingles go up and down your spine or scare yourself into a real case of jitters? Well then we have the very thing for you here in the library—our very good and extra ghoulish collection of ghost stories. Interested? Wait until you read some of them. For instance *The Willows* by Algernon Blackwood which tells of two men who are forced to spend a night on an island covered with willow trees—and shifting shadows.

Then there is the rather classic ghost story by O'Brien called *What Was It?* Perhaps you remember it—about an invisible being which attempts murder—a most horror-some story.

*The Monkey's Paw* by Jacobs is another which may be familiar to you. Three wishes are granted a couple bereaved of their only son. The outcome of these wishes makes this a weird tale.

*The Yellow Wall Paper* by Charlotte Gilman is guaranteed to bring shivers of terror if read in solitude in the quiet of night. (Is that possible here at the hospital?) However, if you are inclined to make out figures or movements in the designs on any wallpaper you see, this story will cure you of the habit.

Then there is *Mrs. Amworth* by E. F. Benson, who unfortunately was a vampire. Such a lovely person, too.

*The Damned Thing* by Ambrose Pierce tells of a supernatural being which can be seen when silhouetted against a light but cannot be seen otherwise. A real spine chiller.

These and many, many more may be found in the following books:

A Century of Creepy Stories.

Cuppy, *World's Great Mystery Stories—American and English masterpieces.*

French, *The Ghost Story Omnibus.*

Hammett, *Creeps by Night*—selected chills and thrills.

Laing, *Great Ghost Stories of the World*—the haunted omnibus.

Poe, *The Complete Tales and Poems of Edgar Allan Poe.*

Reeve, *The Best Ghost Stories.*

Sayers, *The Omnibus of Crime*—stories of detection, mystery, and horror.

Stern, *The Midnight Reader*—great stories of haunting and horror.

Stern, *The Moonlight Traveler*—great tales of fantasy and imagination.

Strong, *Twenty-five Modern Stories of Mystery and Imagination.*

Wise, *Great Tales of Terror and the Supernatural.*

"Now I'll illustrate what I have in mind," said the Ensign as he erased the blackboard.

## Public Works' Mr. Heineman, Able Doctor of Carpentry and Contracting

Carpenter, contractor, teacher, family man, and sportsman is Charles J. Heineman, foreman mechanic at Oak Knoll since January 3, 1944.

Coming here as a joiner in July, 1942, Mr. Heineman was re-rated in November the same year as



Mr. Charles Heineman

Chief Mechanic, and a little more than a year later was promoted to his present place in the Public Works office.

During the construction of the hospital, Mr. Heineman was assistant superintendent with K. E. Parker Co., and served as assistant to the Naval Inspectors in the installation of mechanical equipment.

### Not New to Job

Hospital maintenance work was not new to Mr. Heineman, since he had just completed four years of service in a similar position at Fairmont Hospital in the employ of Alameda County. He had formerly worked for the City of Oakland for 14 years as deputy building inspector and for three years in Fire Department maintenance.

A graduate of the New York Trade School in 1907, the foreman mechanic is a licensed contractor and a certificated instructor in California schools. In 1943 he taught carpentry in the Evening Trade School at Berkeley High and has for two years been on the night school faculty of Oakland's Central Trade School.

### Supervises Many Jobs

Here at Oak Knoll Mr. Heineman is responsible for a multiplicity of jobs that he delegates to eight groups of workmen. Electricians—eight of them—install and maintain all electrical equipment, with someone on hand night and day to answer emergency calls. Also under his able supervision are twelve joiners and carpenters who repair furniture and construct special appliances needed for hospital use. Fourteen plumbers and steamfitters form an important part of the civilian staff. Their most vital task is keeping the hot water systems for sterilizers in surgery and central supply in working order.

In the machine shop five arti-

zans are kept busy repairing all types of equipment from a minute mechanism used in dental work to the heavy equipment that is transportation's stock in trade.

Sign painting, spraying, and lettering of the hospital's rolling equipment, as well as refresher jobs on wards and service buildings, form a full-time assignment for eight civilian painters. Still another group supervised by Mr. Heineman is known as the roads and grounds department. They are responsible for new sidewalks, stabilization of banks of the Oak Knoll Creek during rainy season, and general road construction and maintenance. Ten men are employed at this detail.

### Beauty Not Neglected

The power house with its five 500-horsepower steam boilers is manned by another score of employees who keep the steam rolling for sterilization and heating purposes throughout the compound. Dedicated to beautification of the hospital is the work of 14 gardeners who plant, prune, mow lawns, and propagate nursery stock for further planting.

In addition to its regular duties the department has served as a valuable training ground for many patients enrolled in the rehabilitation program here.

Father of five, Mr. Heineman is proud of his family. One son, Carl L. Heineman, S1c, in charge of a ship repair unit at Coronado, is rapidly following in his father's footsteps. The Heinemans have two married daughters, two daughters of grammar school age, and four grandchildren.

Next to his family, Mr. Heineman's chief off-the-job interest is horses. Of the two he owns, one is a champion roping mare, which he has shown in numerous rodeos and horse shows in Northern and Central California.

Those who have known the freindly, competent foreman mechanic and those who have benefited from the many services for which he has been responsible during his years here learned with regret this week that he is leaving Oak Knoll on November 23 to go into the contracting business. He will establish his office at 9626 Walnut Street in East Oakland—home to him for the past 37 years.

(SEA).—In packing for your trip to the separation center be sure to take no more gear than you can easily carry. Include the uniform you will wear home after discharge. Excess baggage should be shipped home before you leave your duty station. The Government will pay for shipment up to 150 pounds.

## Taste Therapy Is Job of Hospital's Nurse Dietitians



Lt. Alys Meeuwsen (NNC)

"Diets play an important part in the treatment of many diseases," declares pert and pretty Lt. Alys Meeuwsen, Dietitian in Commissary 2. And it is her job, as it is that of Lt. Myrtle Tessiere in Commissary 1, to see that this type of therapy is exactly and appetizingly presented.

Bland diet, low residue diet, Rowe's allergy diet, low fat, high protein, high vitamin, and many other "prescriptions" are prepared by these specialized culinary departments for the hospital's patients. More than 400 special diets a day are dispensed in Commissary 2 alone by Miss Meeuwsen and her staff—some to be consumed in the chow hall and others to be taken to the wards.

Lt. Meeuwsen hails from Detroit, Michigan and she completed her Nurses' training there before entering the Navy in 1941. A tour of duty at Pearl Harbor kept Miss Meeuwsen overseas for eighteen months after which she was transferred to Washington, D. C. for a year of specialized training in Dietetics at George Washington University. She came to Oak Knoll in June, 1945.

Ambitious to complete her work for a B.S. in Home Economics, Miss Meeuwsen is enrolled for courses at Mills College—which doesn't leave much time for her hobbies of horseback riding, photography, and music.

## Post-War Fleet Plans Gain House's Support

(SEA).—Endorsing unanimously a Navy larger than the combined fleets of all other nations, the House of Representatives has approved in principle the Navy's request for 1,082 combatant ships, supported by appropriate numbers of auxiliary vessels and aircraft.

The House resolution, which has been sent to the Senate, lists 3 large aircraft carriers, 24 aircraft carriers, 10 light aircraft carriers, 79 escort carriers, 18 battleships, 3 large cruisers, 31 heavy cruisers, 48 light cruisers, 367 destroyers, 300 destroyer escorts, and 199 submarines.



# The Sporting Scene

## Gal Sports

Oak Knoll's stalwart Wave Basketeers, after picking on everything in sight on the compound, will launch their league season at Mills College on Wed., November 28, against the Fleet Records Office team of San Francisco.

The Wave Cagers are badly in need of replacements and those interested should see Miss McLaughlin. Practice is held Monday at Mills with games coming on Wednesdays.

A Women's Station Bowling team is now in the process of being formed by Lt. (jg) Dorothy McLaughlin of the Welfare and Recreation Department to accept the numerous challenges that have been received from other District activities.

## Basketball

After sharpening their aim while overwhelming the high school squad of Hayward last week, Oak Knoll's undefeated cagers went on to trim the Lake Chabot Naval Gunners on Monday night, November 19, by a 39-34 score. The hospital's veterans were hard-pressed by the lads from the Gunnery School but experience and finesse tipped the balance.

High man for Oak Knoll was "Adorable" Jones with 15 markers, ably abetted by Nathan Balin who rang up 10 markers from his forward spot.

## Staff Bowling

Ship's Service, which had lorded it over the White division of the Staff Bowling League since the beginning of the season, took an abrupt tumble in last Tuesday night's play and now resides in third place. Vying for top honors now are the up-and-coming Interns and Psychos with 8-4 records.

Individual honors for the evening go to Jack Bohm and Peklewski who each contributed a neat 210 game.

Play in the Black League reveals that the Ramblers still occupy the top spot with an undefeated 9-0 record. However, that total includes two defaults so they remain untested. Chasing the Ramblers in second place is the X-ray squad, while chasing practically everybody in the league are the well-named Rookies.

### White League Standings

	W	L
Psychos	8	4
Internes	8	4
Ship's Service	7	5
Patient Personnel	5	7
Welfare & Recreation	5	7
Post Office	4	8

### Black League Standings

	W	L
Ramblers	9	0
X-ray	8	1
Dental	4	5
Physio	2	7
Central Supply	2	7
Rookies	2	7

## DEMOBILIZATION

... Fact and Fancy ...

By Jim Buhai Sp(X)1c  
Ships' Editorial Association

If this were about 30 years ago or more and your points were very anemic—you might still be able to get out of the Navy, by BUYING your way out. The "hush" money was determined by length of service. This was legal, too. It was provided for by an Act of 3 March 1893 and was discontinued in 1916 ... them was the days.

**TO THE POINT:** Scuttlebutt says points will drop two points a month after 1 January. Don't count on extra points for seaduty or battle stars. ... An official poll taken among a selected cross-section of 4,000 reserve officers showed that 8.8% are definitely interested in transferring to the Regular Navy.

Congressmen are receiving a new gripe from service people ... this time it's from female discharges who are irritated with the discharge button, known in some circles as "ruptured duck." Seems the button can't be worn on a sweater and some gals are partial to sweaters. Watch for a stickum-type duck.

Navy Day brought forth these figures: 422,000 naval personnel had been released; discharges were averaging 11,500 a day with a high of 14,400; demobilization has cut out fighting strength to a fraction of what it was two months ago—of 101 aircraft carriers, 18 are in trim, and of 22 battleships and 63 cruisers, 10 and 34 respectively are in fighting shape now.

Answering Congressional criticism of the demobilization of its medical officers, the Navy has announced that by 31 December more than 40% of its doctors, dentists and nurses will have been released. As of 1 September the Army had one doctor for every 175 personnel while the Navy had one for every 274.

The Navy's campaign to sign over Reserve officers to Regular has hit a clip of about 1,500 a week and the applications now total more than 7,000. The peacetime Navy requires 28,000 line officers in addition to the present 11,000 regular officers in the service.

## Scuttlebutt

Why is Doris Newill of the Receiving Room so anxious to get started on her leave? Are wedding bells in the offing?

Seen in Patient Personnel: a civilian gal puffing with manly zest on an odoriferous stogie. Perhaps that is the reason Schafer has resorted to the mails in furthering the interests of his languishing love life.

This week's Oak Leaf Cluster goes to SK(D)3c Emily Neill, personable miss in Disbursing Transportation section, who has taken on the duties of the departed Jack Linton and acquitted herself nobly.

Johnny Ott of Small Stores has invented a new dance step. It is called the "Dottie Q" and he can be seen executing it quite frequently on his way to the Legal Office.

It is reported that Dottie Matesich is going on a three-day cruise. It is not exactly a fishing trip but, according to her associates, she is out to hook something ... or someone.

Best wishes for a rapid recovery go to The Oak Leaf's great and good friend, Vic Rizk, who has been on the sick list. According to latest reports, Staff Personnel is still doing business at the same old stand.

It was a sad day for Jones of Surgery 2 when Verna White hung the monicker "Adorable" on him. However, Verna isn't alone in her opinion. The corpsmen think he's cute, too. ... Another Twin-kling Star in Surgery 2 who hits the peaks of romance (to muddle a metaphor) is Corpsman Martin. More than a social climber is this lad.

Seen in Lab: Bob Morris and wife and robust six-week-old heir. ... Somebody Fowlowing Gates around (We're kidding, Joe). ... Our sympathy goes to Clift Mur-

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phy, a clean cut young lad who has been turned loose among the vampires in hematology.

Note to our special agent Mazon in Surgery 1: The corpsmen know all, "Happy Valley," and are out to hang something on you. Although Checki's mustache was trimmed in a sudden raid, Surgery 1 still thinks it is one up on Surgery 2 in their long-standing feud. They know Surgery 2 is all wet.

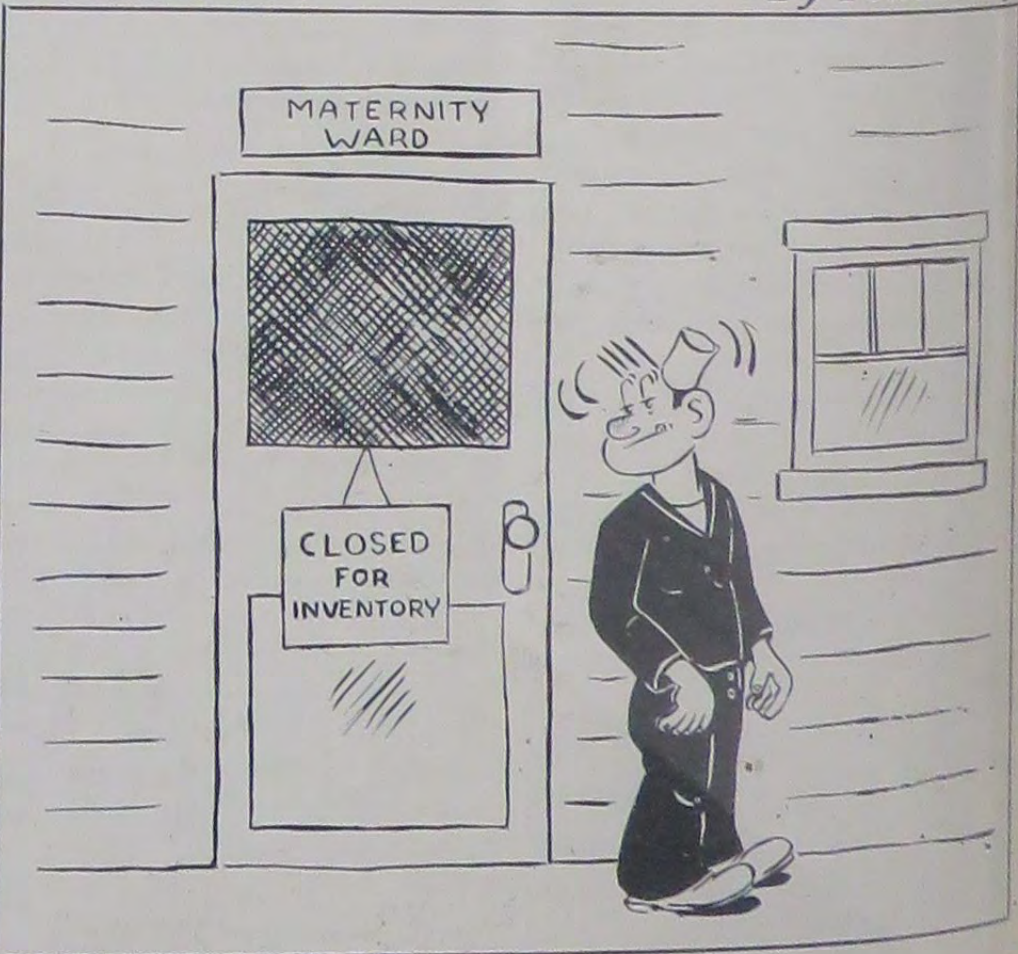
Another Oak Leaf Cluster goes to a MacArthur Blvd. Cafe popular with Oak Knollers. Every week a blind man comes in, has a meal, makes his way to the cashier and hands in his check with a shy explanation, "I'll settle with the boss later." Bad debts? We don't think so.

Sailor: "Waiter, bring me some tomato juice for a pickup."

Waiter: "Yes, sir, and what for yourself?"

## MOIPHY ...

By Penberthy







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## Four Here Win Capt.'s Rank

Three medical officers and one dental officer, Oak Knoll veterans all, now sport the four stripes of full Captain as the result of recent promotions. They are Captain Charles J. Armstrong (MC) USNR, Captain Harold Hirshland (MC) USNR, Captain George H. Mills (DC) USN, and Captain Jesse T. Nicholson (MC) USNR.

### New Commanders

Promoted to the rank of Commander at the same time were the following Medical Officers: Kenneth L. Tattersall, Isidore Finkelman, Russell Fletcher, Sarkis B. Paul, Charles S. Roller, Lawrence J. Brown, Leslie H. Backus, Arthur R. Thompson, Clarence H. Polson, Edward M. Dorr, Roy W. Candy Sr., Ernest W. Henderson, Michael M. Gurdin, Leon Rosove, Francis K. Bradford, Joseph M. Dallal, Stuart C. Runkle, Thomas A. Counihan, Robert D. Brookes, Edwin J. Marble, Charles F. Steiss, John B. Hollingsworth, Gordon M. Morrison, and James W. Bagby.

Dental officers receiving the rank of Commander were: Albert E. Pound, Mack L. Parker, and Frank J. Smith.

## Physiotherapists Meet Here Dec. 7

On Friday, December 7, Oak Knoll will be host to the meeting of the Northern California Chapter of the American Physiotherapy Association. Cmdr. William K. Livingston, Chief of the Peripheral Nerve Center, and his associates will be in charge of the clinical meeting at 2015, dealing with "Peripheral Nerve Injuries and Associated Phenomena."

Attended by civilian and military physiotherapy professional people in this area, the evening will include dinner for the guests and inspection of the Physical and Occupational Therapy departments.

All Medical Officers, Nurses, Waves, and Corpsmen interested in this field are welcome to attend the clinical meeting at 2015 in the Dental Building.

Lt. Cmdr. Howard E. Fralick and Lt. Eugenia Grunsky are in charge of arrangements.

## Lush Thrush a Feather in Cavallero Sombrero



Gloria Foster at the mike, Cavallero at the piano.

## Cavallero Co. An Atomic Hit

Carmen Cavallero, agile-fingered bard of the Baldwin, and his 13-piece ensemble were on hand at 1400 in the Auditorium on Wednesday November 21 for a notable session of sweet sending. A packed audience was vociferously and appreciatively in attendance at the tuneful and informal doings.

### Brunette Songstress Stars

Not least among the accessories Carmen brought with him was sweet and symmetrical Gloria Foster whose seductive syllabilizing was only matched by her charm. Brunette Gloria had as her repertoire the more melodic of the current crop of love ballads ranging from "It's Gotta Be This or That" to the beautiful "I Can't Begin to Tell You."

The Cavallero congregation, versatile as well as gifted, mixed horseplay and novelty tunes, rumbas and jive to keep the program moving pleasantly. In response to popular request, Carmen exercised his phalanges to produce an acceptable keyboard version of Chopin's "Polonaise" and the ever-popular "Warsaw Concerto."

## Hymn for Hospital Adm. Nimitz' Wife On NBC Broadcast Sends 'Aloha' Note

National radio recognition will be given to Oak Knoll over the NBC network on Sunday night, December 2, when Phil Spitalny and his All Girl General Electric Orchestra present the "Hour of Charm." The hymn, "God of Grace, God of Glory," will be dedicated to the patients and staff of U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland.

The local outlet for the program will be KPO and the program comes on at 7:00 p.m. All Oak Knollers are invited to have their radios tuned in to hear this tribute to the personnel and patients who make Oak Knoll the notable and shipshape naval installation it is.

### 131 of Staff Out Today

Fifty Waves and eighty-one Corpsmen leave today, Saturday, December 1, to begin their post-war careers as civilians. To these shipmates goes the hospital's salute for a job well done and best wishes for future success.

Mrs. Nimitz, who served faithfully and well during the war years at Oak Knoll as Director of Navy Relief, has left for her home in the east with her husband, Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz. This is her farewell message.

To the Staff and Patients,  
U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland

The time has come when I must leave this area and go east to live. For me it is a happy time because it means that after four years of working and waiting Admiral Nimitz and I can again be together—with our family nearby.

I wish it was possible for me to tell you what is in my heart—how much you all mean to me. Some times feelings are just too deep to be expressed. So I say, "Till we meet again! God bless you and bring you happiness! I'll be thinking of you—"

Catherine Nimitz.

### Dr. Willett Leaves



Detached last week after more than two years of duty at Oak Knoll as Chief of Dental Service was Captain Errol W. Willett (DC) USN. He leaves to take up similar duties at Farragut, Idaho.

A veteran of both overseas and stateside duty, he will be missed by his many friends in the hospital. With this popular and efficient officer goes Oak Knoll's best wishes for good duty and smooth sailing.



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## • A Job To Do

With the de-commissioning of Fleet Hospital 113 in San Francisco and with Oak Knoll again adding the duties of a receiving hospital to its regular work, there has come an added strain on all facilities. Meanwhile, demobilization continues with many of the older and more experienced staff members leaving.

The resulting situation is one which calls for initiative and a firm adherence to duty from those of us who remain. The nation's obligation to its disabled veterans did not end with the cessation of hostilities, nor does ours. There's still a job to do, a war of healing to win.

With All Hands cooperating, we will carry on and complete our pledge to the injured and sick.

## Now He Will Love and Honor . . . As Well as Continue To Obey



A recent Wedding in Oak Knoll's new Chapel saw the joining of a Staff Wave and a sea-going Gob who is also now a resident here. The bride is HA2c Esther Lillian Robinson of Oakland and the groom is Ernest Paul Kinzer whose home is Portland, Oregon. The marriage took place on November 10, 1945, with Chaplain T. Murdock Hale officiating.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley.

Sunday—

Morning Service . . . . . 1000

Communion Service . . . . . 1100

Evening Vespers . . . . . 1930

Weekday—

Morning Devotions . . . . . 0730

Vesper Service . . . . . 1600

Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)

—1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.

Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.

Confessions before all Masses.

Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons. Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 184. Divine Service—2000 Friday.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

### Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

## More New 'Docs' Added To Staff

A sincere "Welcome Aboard" goes to the 24 new additions to the staff who arrived here from Corps School in San Diego on Saturday, November 24.

There will be plenty of chances for advancement and, for the studious and deserving, opportunities to be placed under instruction in the technical specialties.

The men who arrived on this draft were: William Joseph Bell, George Francis Cahill, William Eugene Cooper, John Harry Davies, James Edwin Dearing, Hilary Thomas Dekelewicz, George Gerald Harrington Jr., James Leldon Holloway, Ardis R. Lavender, Henry Raymond Lohela, Joseph Patterson Mann, Raymond Aloysius Marlewski, James Mayfield, Walter Lee Modaff, Rolland Maurice Reed, Gene Burries Rice, George Clifford Ritchie, James Henry Rowland, Jerome John Steckler, Robert Edward Stein,

## Inside The F.B.I.

If you are interested in knowing what part the F.B.I. had in winning the war, or if you are interested in knowing how this famous organization functions in peace time—or if you have a secret longing to find a career in F.B.I. work, plan to come to the lecture arranged for Tuesday morning, 4 December, from 0900 to 1100, in Room C of the Educational Services Office (topside of the Marine Detachment).

Mr. John P. Gleason, special agent for the F.B.I., now stationed in San Francisco, will be the speaker. He has a wide reputation for excellent service within the organization. Everyone is invited to hear him.

Richard Nelson Tatti, Bernard Thebner, James Vickerman, and Richard Charles Wolfe.

Lt.(jg) Joseph A. Conlow, Staff Personnel Officer.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Thoughts And Gifts For Christ

The service men and women have been busy with War occupying their time and mind for the past few Christmas seasons. This approaching season finds us with more time to think of the things that we have treasured and even time to adjust ourselves to a more normal way of life. The coming Christmas should mean more to you than ever before because you too have done your bit to preserve sacred and treasured thoughts.

Our hearts turn back to that Christmas tree gaily lighted, mother, father, children playing, the little white Church, mother's Bible and memories of the old kitchen where mother baked. A grey haired mother reading her Bible by dim fireside light and teaching you that familiar prayer which you later taught to your son. Remember how you prayed after her these words — "Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray Thee Lord by soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray Thee Lord my soul to keep. If I should die before I wake, I pray Thee Lord my soul to keep."

Go back in your memories to that little white Church where you first attended Sunday School, attended Church picnics and love began to blossom with your wife who sang in the choir as a youthful angel. Fires burning brightly on the hearth, nut cracking and popcorn popping, holly on the mantel and turkey in the pot. Christmas pageants and stories of the Christ Child who brought peace to man and country.

Yes, these are treasured thoughts today because of the price that has just been paid that we might keep them free in a free country.

At this season our thoughts should be held more sacred than ever before and we should lift our hearts in gratitude to this Christ Child of Bethlehem who brought peace upon earth toward men of good will. The passage of Scripture "And on earth peace, good will towards men" is often misinterpreted. According to the Greek the passage should read "And on earth peace toward men of good will." Jesus did come to bring peace but here he limits that peace to men of good will. Men of good will should strive to hold sacred these treasured thoughts of Christmas and let Christ be at the center of every activity. Only with Christ in your heart can you feel the true meaning of peace and this Christmas season.

Why not read more often that treasured Book which your mother read and gave to you as a guide? Why not visit our Chapel and worship in memory of that Christ and the little white Church you left behind?

Let me suggest some appropriate gifts for Christ this Christmas:

1. A new resolve to walk in the Master's footsteps.
2. A more definite part of each day to Bible reading and prayer.
3. A fairer portion of your income to the service of Christ.
4. A truer spiritual tone in your business and social life.
5. A readier, larger dedication of yourself to bring others into the love and fellowship of our blessed Lord.

Why not give Christ an appropriate gift this Christmas?

CHAPLAIN JOSEPH A. TALLEY.



## Our Doctor

Among the Oak Knoll medicos who recently made Commander is Dr. James W. Bagby, personable and pleasant chief of matters dermatological on ward 80B. Popular with staff members and patients alike for his friendliness and expert diagnosing, Cmdr. Bagby brings to his job not only a keen



Cmdr. James W. Bagby  
MC(S) USNR

interest in his specialty but also a great deal of experience in the field.

### A Staunch Missourian

Born in St. Louis, Dr. Bagby is by education also a Missouri product. He took his A.B. and B.S. at the University of Missouri and then went on to Washington University Medical School in St. Louis for his M.D. After an internship and then a residency in Dermatology, private practice kept him busy until he entered the Navy in June of 1942.

His first duty saw him in charge of Dermatology at the Dispensary in the then booming Training Station at Great Lakes. From there he went overseas in February, 1943, to take part in the construction of Base Hospital No. 7 on Tulagi.

### Treated Many Natives

The tropical jungles were persistent enemies in the Solomons and Dr. Bagby was kept busy with many cases of fungus infection and its complications. In addition, every morning there was a large lineup of natives to be given the benefit of the white man's magic.

In charge of Dermatology here since his arrival in May, 1944, Cmdr. Bagby still finds that fungus and pyogenic infections make up the major portion of his work. There is, however, a significant advantage to be found here as compared to a hospital in the tropics in that patients are aided immeasurably by the change in climate.

### Authors Article on New Disease

Speaking of the field of Dermatology during the war, Dr. Bagby reports that it has been a question of degree of severity rather than of new conditions encountered. However, he did recently write an article for the Archives of Derma-

## CBS Band a Thanksgiving Treat At Officers Club Dance



Above: Dick Reinhardt (at the drums) and his CBS Recording Orchestra provided the music for the successful Officers' Dance at the Clubhouse on Saturday evening, November 24. Below: Gold braid was very much in evidence and enjoyed itself hugely.

tology and Syphilology on a new and unusual disease which appeared in the tropics during the war and had not been previously observed.

### He Married His Patient

Succumbing to the charms of a particularly pretty patient, Dr. Bagby married about five years ago and the Bagbys are now the parents of a six-months-old girl. Scheduled for release in December, he will return to St. Louis and private practice.

Aside from his consuming interest in his work, which includes membership in The American Academy of Dermatology and Syphilology and the St. Louis Dermatological Society, Dr. Bagby's hobbies include quail hunting and bird dogs.

### Notice

Effective December 1, 1945, personnel will no longer be permitted to be engaged in civilian employment while on leave or liberty. This is in accordance with a recent memorandum issued by the 12th Naval District.

## 'Writin'-est' Wave To Leave Today



PhM3c Dorothy Thompson

PubInfo lost a valuable member and the Oak Leaf a talented contributor with the departure of PhM3c Dorothy Thompson for the Balboa Park Separation Center on Saturday, December 1.

A mainstay in the Department of Public Information, where her charm and understanding were put to good use, she also played a part in the editing of the Oak Leaf and contributed many articles.

At a party given in the honor of Miss Thompson last week her associates, both in PubInfo and on the Oak Leaf, presented her with a gift and bade her a regretful farewell.

A university graduate and trained newspaper woman, Dorothy's plans for her civilian future are not yet definite, but it may involve working on a paper in the Bay Area.

Good luck, Dorothy! Keep making those deadlines!

## The Wolf

by Sansone

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"He's right! The stars ARE out tonight!"



# Occupational Therapy Patients Turn Thoughts to Christmas



Left: Barbara Pennington helps patient make gaily colored Christmas paper. Center: Jean Rosenthal adds an attractive note to a display of holiday gifts. Right: In the Red Cross Hobby Shop patients make their own Christmas cards.

## On and Off the Base

### On the Compound . . .

#### AUDITORIUM MOVIES

Sat., Dec. 1—"Swingshift Maisie," Ann Sothern and James Craig.

Sun., Dec. 2—"Hotel Reserve," James Mason and Lucie Mannheim.

Mon., Dec. 3—"Tall in the Saddle," John Wayne and Ella Raines.

Tues., Dec. 4—"Pardon My Past," Fred MacMurray and Marguerite Chapman.

Wed., Dec. 5—"Hit the Hay," Judy Canova and Ross Hunter.

Thurs., Dec. 6—"Trail to Vengeance," Kerby Grant and Fuzzy Knight.

Fri., Dec. 7—"Daltons Ride Again," Alan Curtis and Kent Taylor.

Sat., Dec. 8—"The Male Animal," Henry Fonda and Olivia de Havilland.

#### EVENTS

Mon., Dec. 3—Stage Show in Auditorium.

### In Oakland . . .

#### MUSIC AND THEATRE

Auditorium Theatre—"Blossom Time," operetta, on Dec. 10 and 11.

### In San Francisco . . .

#### MUSIC AND THEATRE

Curran—"Blossom Time," operetta.

Geary—"Dear Ruth," comedy.

Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with refreshments included. Nightly at 8:30 except Monday.

Radio Broadcasts—Free tickets in Recreation Office for "Light and Mello" every Tuesday at 8:30 p.m.; "Who's Lucky Tonight," every Wednesday at 9:00 p.m.; "Night Editor," every Friday at 9:00 p.m.

Occupational Therapy has always been a popular form of treatment at Oak Knoll and now that Christmas is near, the men are combining the doctor's orders with the profitable and satisfying job of making their own gifts.

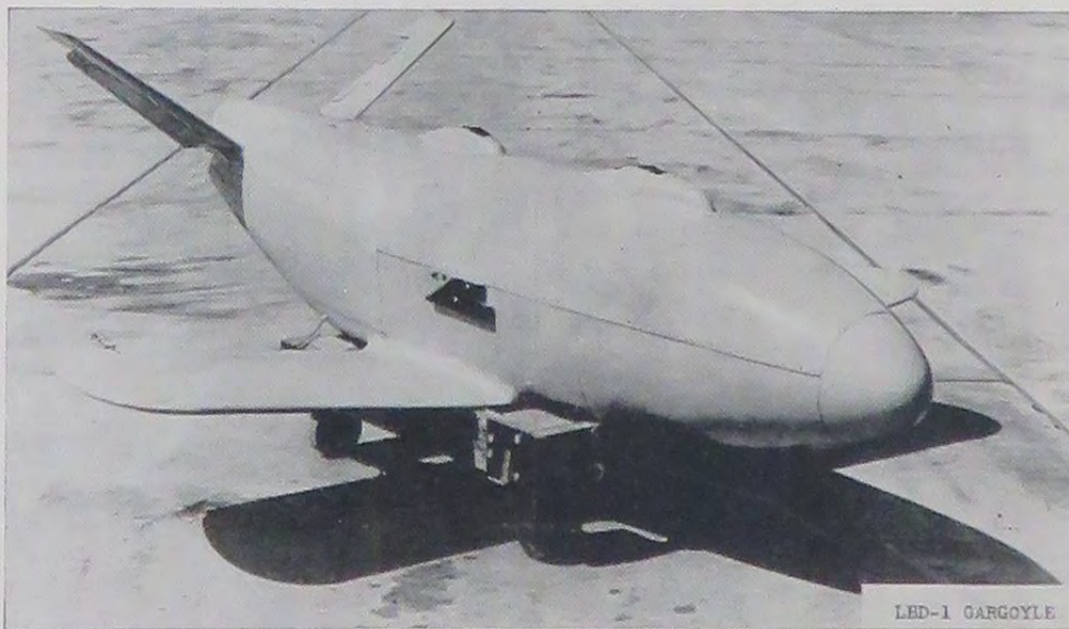
High on the list in popularity are ladies' cowhide purses, hand-woven articles, and hand-blocked Christmas cards. The men design and print their own cards in the Occupational Therapy shops.

This interesting therapy is not confined to the two shops but is

also given on the Plastic Surgery, Heart, N. P., and Orthopedic wards where patients are instructed in the use of crafts that will aid in the restoration of function to disabled bodies and minds.

Lt. Frances Nicoll in Bldg. 27, and Lt. (jg) Elizabeth Moser in Bldg. 102, and the Waves and corpsmen in their department feel that their efforts make the stay of men assigned to them for treatment not only pleasanter but also more useful.

## The Navy's Shape of Things to Come



LED-1 GARGOYLE

Official U. S. Navy Photograph

One of the "future" items turned out by the Navy's Office of Research and Invention and BuAer is a pilotless aircraft called the "Gargoyle." Capable of doing 600 mph, the "Gargoyle" carries a special 1,000-pound all purpose bomb.

(SEA).—Robot weapons that fly faster than sound and automatically find their targets are among the developments the Navy has for the future.

Power plants—resojets, ramjets, liquid-jets and turbo-jets—that will speed the missiles through the air at more than 700 mph are under study. Already developed are the "glomb," a 4,000-pound bomb towed by a fighter plane, and guided by radio and television to

its target; the "Gorgon," a jet-propelled missile carried by a bomber; and the "Gargoyle," also jet-propelled, carrying a 1,000-pound armor-piercing bomb which seeks and collides with a ship target.

Meanwhile, Curtiss-Wright has announced a flying device which will go 1,400 miles an hour. Explaining only that it is not a rocket or an artillery shell, the manufacturer states that its use will be largely military.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

### To Sell . . .

G. E. Electric Vacuum, 1939 model, excellent condition, priced reasonably. Call Ext. 121.

Black Oxfords (Arnold Authentics), size 8½AA, priced reasonably. See Miss Sherrill, room 226, Administration Building Annex or call Ext. 223.

Notice to Doctors — Completely equipped Office for rent and Practice for sale. See Mr. Dale of Town Realty Co., 394 Grand Ave., Oakland, call (day) GLEN-court 5945, (evening) PLED-mont 3331. Doctor is retiring, general practice \$3,000, complete list of names and addresses of patients, 20 years business. Rent, \$40.00 a month for office space in building at corner Telegraph and Alcatraz, reception room and two consulting rooms. Receptionist also available to do laboratory work. Dentist in same building, druggist owns property.

### Wanted . . .

Two or three bedroom House or Apartment, furnished or unfurnished, in East Oakland or San Leandro by Dec. 1. Call collect to Cmdr. McCrimmon (MC), Burlingame 3-2471.

Ride wanted every day to and from Alameda. Mrs. Rosen, Red Cross. Ride wanted every day from College Avenue. Will share expenses. Hours 0830-1630. Lt. (jg) Carol B. Gawthrop, Educational Services, Ext. 221.

### Wanted to Buy . . .

Baby Stroller. Lt. (jg) L. B. Marquiss, phone Ext. 183.

### To Rent . . .

Apartment for rent. No children. Call TR 0441 after 7 p.m. or Saturday and Sunday.



## Life on the Wards

By Dorothy Witte

What marks an American, aside from his well known ingenuity, optimism, and a certain openhandedness with cigarets, chewing gum and candy in his meanderings over the less well favored sections of the globe, is a remarkable affinity for souvenirs.

Some will gather dust and a musty smell in the hallowed attics of Podunk, and some will amuse the mice in the cellars of Fencepost, Minn. Let's leave these to an unprepared posterity.

But others will be handed gently down to Mary Jane and Johnny along with the family silver and the portrait of Uncle Ned in his prime, for they will tell a story of their own.

Of this nature are some of the souvenirs routed homeward through Oak Knoll. Seabee **Rosser Turner** of 62B is fashioning a hand-wrought bracelet, set with unusually beautiful cats' eyes he found on Samara. It's a gift calculated to win the heart of a fair damsel in Washington, D. C., his home town, only he hasn't decided which fair damsel—he says. And his buddy, **Ed Turner**, MM 3/c, a Texan, brought a string of shells from a string of islands in the Pacific. His purpose is different. "Every time I get disgusted," he vows, "I'll take out this string of shells and remember the places I've been, and be glad I didn't lose anything there so I don't have to go back."

Combining his trade and his hobby brings interesting results for **R. I. Cook**, of 44B. A musician second class, who likes to putter with plastics, Cook is turning out a smooth cigaret box with a rough set of tools—a couple of nails and a block of wood—at the Red Cross hobby shop. Etched around the cylindrical box are a string of musical notes with an appropriate theme. They read, "While a Cigaret is Burning" and "Smoke Rings."

### Attention, All Budding Optometrists

"Optometry as a Vocation" will be the title of a discussion provided for staff and patient personnel on Friday, 7 December, from 0900 until 1100, in Room C of the Educational Services Office, located topside the Marine Detachment Building. This is one of a long series of discussions arranged as part of a "Choosing Your Career" series which the Education Office has sponsored.

Dr. Thomas Peters and Dr. William Murrish, Oakland optometrists, will conduct the discussion and arrange personal interviews for anyone interested in this field as a vocation.

## First Peace-Time Thanksgiving Day Here Is an Occasion For Eating and Entertaining — And Thoughts of Home



Upper left: The Chow Line wends its way past the sumptuous eating items which marked the day. Upper right: Miss Kathleen Jensen of Station KROW asks the "Dollars or Doughnuts" question of a patient on Ward 61A. Lower left: Calling the folks at home for holiday rates meant a rush of business for the Telephone Center. Lower right: Dorothy Pickell depicts a typical staff reaction to the noble bird.

## WELL DONE!

The Medical Officer in Command extends a hearty "Well Done" to SK1c C. C. Coy for his fine work in handling many problems for the repatriated Prisoners of War received here.

Men from the Ozark, Rescue, Rixey, and various NATS flights made their gratitude to C. C. Coy, SK1c, USNR, official by writing a letter to the Bureau of Personnel. The letter, forwarded to Captain Dearing, referred to Coy's efficient handling of Navy pay and praised the Storekeeper for his ability to give them the straight "dope" on increases in rate, pay, family allowances, insurance, allotments, etc.

"Although he was very much rushed by the large number of POW's who formed a steady line to his desk," the letter reads, "he took the time and effort to answer any question he was asked and was sure that the men understood thoroughly before they were dismissed. And Coy knew all the answers."

Thirty items, ranging from shrimp cocktail to mixed nuts and free smokes, featured the festive board set before Oak Knollers on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 22. The throngs who partook of the traditional turkey, appetizingly prepared by our culinary experts, voted it the best ever.

Nor were the true purposes of "Thanksgiving" forgotten with special religious services being held for both Catholic and Protestant worshippers. Well attended were the Masses at 0630 and 1630, the Morning Devotions at 0730, and the Special Thanksgiving Service at 1000.

Adding a filip to the day's doings was a radio broadcast over KROW originating on Ward 61A at 1100. Called "Agree or Disagree" it was a quiz program that gave patients a chance to both voice their opinions and make money doing it.

Put on by the Remar Baking Company with Kathleen Jensen as mistress of ceremonies, the opinionated and well informed GIs considered the following propositions: (1) A bachelor has more fun out of life than the average married man; (2) Women are not as vain as men; (3) Football has re-

placed baseball as a national sport; (4) Jitterbugging bobby-soxers contribute nothing to building good morale.

Huge mounds of delicious doughnuts and hot coffee helped put the Oak Knollers in proper fettle for their mental exertions.

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

3. Dec.—Round Table Series: "News Developments," Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

4. Dec.—Lecture and Discussion: "The Activities of the F.B.I. in War Time and in Peace Time," Mr. John P. Gleason (F.B.I. Special Agent, San Francisco).

5 Dec.—Pay day. No program.

6 Dec.—G. I. Movie Weekly.

7 Dec.—Discussion: "Optometry as a Vocation," Dr. Thomas Peters, Dr. William Murrish (Oakland Optometrists).



# The Sporting Scene

## Bowling

The hospital's smooth rolling Bowling Team, victor in two previous matches, was upset by the heartbreaking margin of one pin in a battle held Monday night, November 19, against the Naval Air Station in Oakland. Oak Knoll won two of the three games but was edged out when the totals were added. Dad Lindsey was high man for the locals.

Previous to this defeat, the Station Bowlers had scored victories over the Maritime Officers' School and the Alameda Naval Air Station in league play.

On the previous Friday night, the Oak Knollers gained revenge at the Oakland Naval Supply Depot when they whipped the depot squad 2625-2491. Charlie Winters was way out in front for individual honors with a nifty 592 series for Oak Knoll.

### Psychos Take Lead

Compound league bowling proceeded merrily with most of the interest centering in White League play where the Psychos lengthened their lead in a tight race. Winning three, they outstripped the Internes, who slumped badly in last Monday night's rolling.

In the Black League, the undefeated Ramblers finally took it on the chin and while the reports are not officially in, it is likely that the boys from X-ray now lead the pack.

### White League Standings

	W	L
Psychos	11	4
Welfare & Recreation	8	7
Post Office	7	8
Ship's Service	7	8
Internes	7	8
Patient Personnel	5	10

## Cage Team

Oak Knoll's undefeated Basketball team were anything but good neighbors to our associates at San Leandro Hospital in a game played Friday night, November 23, at the Castlemont high school. The final score was 37 to 21, with the Knollmen in complete charge all the way. The halftime score was 21-12.

"Swish" Cruse was high point man for Oak Knoll with 14 points, followed by Schaffer with 6, Lee, Chaney and Lather with 4, Balin 3, and Reeves 2. An unexpected feature of the game was Lather's pass three-fourths the length of the deck, which slipped in for 2 points.

On Thursday, November 29, the Oak Knoll cagers met the Armed Guard squad at Treasure Island and early in December league play will open.

Rooters for the team are more than welcome to go along. The bus leaves at 1830 from the bowling alleys for all games.

## Driving Range

Proctor, bustling custodian of Oak Knoll's Golf Driving Range situated back of the gas station, has everything shipshape and invited all personnel to come down and smooth out their stroke.

Plenty of drivers, brassies, irons and balls are on hand and arrangements are being made for professional instruction. There is no charge and, barring wet weather, the hours are 1000-1400.

It is emphasized that the Range is open during the chow hour for the benefit of staff personnel who can spare a little time for practice.

## Off the Bookshelf

### What's New in the Hospital Library.

#### The Animal World

Moore: *The Castle Buck*. (Stories of hunting and fishing in Nova Scotia.)

Wells: *Raffles*. (Story of the bird who talks, sells war bonds, and entertains convalescent servicemen.)

#### Chucklebait

Gard: *Sick Bay*. (Cartoons of hospital life—the hospital is Norfolk, but could be Oakland.)

Freeman: *It Shouldn't Happen*. (Cartoons of Army life.)

Scoggin: *Chucklebait*. (Funny stories.)

#### The Ends of the Earth

Chandos: *Village in the Sun*. (Life in a peaceful Mexican village south of Guadalajara.)

Cole: *The Peoples of Malaysia*.

Harper: *The Russia I Believe In*. (Memoirs.)

Vlekke: *The Story of the Dutch East Indies*.

Booker: *Flight From China*. (Delightful account of life in China before the war, and a far from pleasant account of life in a Japanese concentration camp.)

#### The War, and After

de Chair: *The Golden Carpet*. (Story of a romantic expedition into Baghdad by a handful of British, aided by Arabs.)

Johnstone: *The Future of Japan*. (What to do with Japan, by a man who understands it well.)

Sayre: *Persian Gulf Command*. (The story of how American supplies were taken across Iran to Russia.)

Tan Pie-Ying: *The Building of the Burma Road*. (A true account by the former managing director, telling of the building of a great road with never enough men, money, or equipment, under most difficult conditions.)

Horan: *Action Tonight*. (Story of the destroyer O'Bannon in the Pacific.)

## Scuttlebutt

Seen sporting a huge sparkler in Dental Clinic: **Elaine Smith**.

Pretty **Jo Grimm**, back from a tour of duty overseas, was a welcome sight to her many friends at Oak Knoll.

Stogies were on tap at the Post Office last week when **Bill Petri** proudly announced the birth of a son, **William David Petri**. Congratulations, Mr. and Mrs. Petri!

Wedding bells were very much in evidence in X-ray last week with **Phyllis Glenn** and **John Walter Hays** getting married. No, they didn't marry each other. They each sallied into the outside world to select marital mates. Best wishes and felicitations, respectively, from the Oak Leaf.

Speaking of marriage, is **Shipper** of Surgery 2 already wound up in a state of holy matrimony? The rest of the crew would like to know.

At last reports, supreme among the Don Juans of Surgery 1 is "**Casanova**" **Johnson**, most recent holder of the loving cup. How about that, **Frankie**?

Getting back to marriage, the corpsmen are eagerly looking forward to a big party if and when a certain blonde beauty takes the fatal vows.

**Norman Daneiko**, genial and eagle-eyed nocturnal checker of liberty lists at the Main Gate, has been added to the Oak Leaf's operatives in this department. A recipient of many hamburgers from his humble admirers, Norm is in a swell spot to view the passing parade. A preliminary report—People who come and go together: **Salters** and **Martin**, **Dorner** and **Pappas**; Prize liberty hounds: **June Bach**, "**Rusty**" **Masson**, legal eagle

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### Coming

Ens. Robert M. Roberts (HC) USNR, Lt.(jg) Robert P. Jay Jr. (MC) USNR, Ens. Elizabeth Dean W(C-2) USNR, Lt.(jg) Frank P. Carlson (E)LT USNR, Lt. John P. Yaklich CEC, USNR, Lt. Frederick C. Gaensler (MC) USNR, Lt. Thomas G. Hennessy (MC) USNR, Lt. William D. McCarthy (MC) USNR, Ens. Don C. Bittleston (D)LT USNR, Pharm. Kenneth M. Close USN.

### Going

Lt.(jg) Lester L. Lindberg D-V(S) USNR, Cmdr. William H. Lawler (MC) USNR, Lt. Jack R. Anderson (MC) USN.

**Arthur Lang**; Department with highest average of insobriety: The ... but why go into that ... it's quite unimportant ...

## MOIPHY . . .

By Penbertby



"Haemophilia . . . Haemophilic . . . Haemoptysis . . .  
Ah yes, here it is . . . HAEMORRHAGE"





# THE OAK LEAF



## Angels of Mercy Fete Miss Deaterla —New Chief Nurse a Pacific Vet



Left to right, front, are seen Lt. Cmdr. Irene Bollerud, now retired, Lt. Cmdr. Sophia Deaterla, chief nurse, and Lt. Cmdr. Marion Dillon, assistant chief nurse.

Lt. Cmdr. Deaterla (NC) USN, Oak Knoll's new chief nurse, was honored recently at a party given by the hospital's nurses. The official welcoming took place in the main living room of Building 23 and featured cocktails and refreshments.

Formerly in command of nurses

in the Southwest Pacific area, Miss Deaterla renewed many friendships with staff members who had served with her on previous stations.

Lt. Cmdr. Marion Dillon (NC) USN, acting chief nurse prior to the arrival of Miss Deaterla, will be assistant chief nurse.

## Lt. Drake New CO Of Marines Here

With the departure of Capt. W. Hengesbach (USMCR), Second Lt. Eldon Drake (USMCR) assumes the duties of commanding officer of the hospital's Marine Detachment. He will supervise the activities of the staff of more than 100 Marines who transact the corps' business at this base.

Lt. Drake is an overseas veteran and has served with both the Second and Fifth Divisions. After returning to USNH, San Diego, with a leg injury, he also saw duty there before coming here. A resident of Ogden, Utah, and graduate of the Utah State Agricultural College, he intends to take post-graduate work there upon his discharge from the service.

Married four months ago, Mr. and Mrs. Drake now make their home in Hayward. When not engaged in Marine book work, he can be found golfing at the Lake Chabot course with Warrant Of-

## Capt. McCrimmon EENT Addition

Newest four-striper added to the medical staff at Oak Knoll is Capt. Herman P. McCrimmon (MC), USNR, who arrived on this base Saturday, December 1. He will work with Cmdr. W. M. Thomas (MC), USNR, in the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Clinic on Ward 45B.

Captain McCrimmon, who was promoted to captain the day before he arrived on this base, has served overseas 20 months. He was senior medical officer of the USS Harris with the amphibious forces in the Pacific and was also the commanding officer of a 250-bed hospital on Okinawa, where he served previous to his appointment at Oak Knoll.

Captain McCrimmon has been devoting his skill to the Medical Department of the Navy since April 20, 1940.

ficer R. E. Trometter—especially on Saturday afternoons.

## Contest to Spur Ward Decorations For Yule Season

Patients and staff members will soon be decorating their wards for the annual Christmas Decorating Contest. Sponsored by the Veterans' Hospital Christmas Committee, the rivalry has the cooperation of the Navy Welfare and Recreation Department and the American Red Cross.

Christmas decorations will be provided by the veterans' group. A committee of judges, including Navy and Wave officers, representatives from Navy relief, the veterans' group, the Navy Nurse Corps and the American Red Cross will tour the compound from 1000 to 1200 hours December 24 to select the winning wards.

Wards which win the Christmas Decorating Contest will be featured in the *Oak Leaf* in an after Christmas edition, and a final (Continued on page 2)

## Chaplain Straus To Leave Staff

Patients and personnel of the hospital will bid farewell to Chaplain H. Cerf Straus on Friday evening, December 7, following the Jewish services which Chaplain Straus will conduct in the Chapel at 2000.

Chaplain Straus, who is being separated from the service, last week was promoted to the rank of captain, and has the distinction of being the highest ranking Jewish chaplain in the Navy. During the past two years, Captain Straus has conducted Jewish services here on Friday evenings.

Chaplain C. D. Chrisman will speak on behalf of the chaplains at Oak Knoll. Other speakers will include Harry Sapper, director of the Oakland Jewish Federation; Bernard Miran of the Hospital Service Department of the National Jewish Welfare Board, and Mrs. Sarah Rosenberg, chairman of the Oakland Hospital Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board.

Following the services, refreshments will be served in the lounge of the Educational Services Office, Marine Detachment Building, and friends and acquaintances will be able to say goodbye to him.

## "Blossom Time," Barren of Decor, Is Success Here

"Blossom Time," as it probably has never been seen before in its successful and enduring career, was presented in the Auditorium on Friday afternoon, November 30. Sans costumes, sans scenery, the San Francisco Company more than compensated for the lack with its spirited singing, pretty girls and on-stage clowning.

It was not a complete presentation of the operetta which has been a perennial favorite for more than two decades. However, most of the highlights of the story, which concerns Schubert's sad love life, were covered. Stage Manager Neile Walters, master of ceremonies, obligingly filled in the gaps in the tale of unrequited love with a between-scenes commentary.

Tom Barry was the sad Mr. Schubert, while the lovers triumphant were Marion Stevens and Frank Farrell as Mitzi and Baron Schober. Comedy relief for these romantic doings was provided by Edward M. Edwards and William Durkin in the roles of Vogel and Kuppelweiser.

The music, borrowed exclusively from the works of Franz Schubert, was, of course, superb, but it was adequately matched by the solid singing of the 20 members of the cast of the Curran production.

(See page 5 for pictures)

## Congratulations!



SK 1/c Roy Orville Hurn, of Little Rock, Ark., on Nov. 28 was presented with the Bronze Star Medal by our Executive Officer, Capt. William R. Manlove (MC), USN. Hurn distinguished himself by meritorious achievement during the assault and capture of Iwo Jima.



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## • Welcome Aboard, Shipmates

An increasing number of staff personnel from Fleet Hospital No. 113 in San Francisco have come aboard for duty in the past weeks. To these men we extend a cordial welcome and best wishes for good duty.

There is a saying in the Navy that the best duty is that which you saw at your last station and will see at your next. However, we feel certain that once you have orientated yourself to our ramp existence and our congenial sunshine, you will find your present duty more than satisfactory.

For our part, we have liked the competent way you have pitched into your jobs here.

## Mills College Girls Teach Pottery



From Mills College last week came Nancy May and Marjorie Roberts to teach clay modelling and pottery in the Red Cross Hobby Shop. From left to right are shown S1c Larry Kamp of 78A, Miss Frances Newman (ARC), Miss Nancy May, and S2c Fred Dungan of 79B. These classes are held on Tuesday evenings at 1900 and are still open to patients and staff members.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley.

### Sunday—

Morning Service ..... 1000  
Communion Service ..... 1100  
Evening Vespers ..... 1930

### Weekday—

Morning Devotions ..... 0730  
Vesper Service ..... 1600  
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel) ..... 1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.  
Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.  
Confessions before all Masses.  
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons. Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 184. Divine Service—2000 Friday.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

### Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

## Yule Contest—

(Continued from page 1)

ished picture of the decorated ward will be presented to each patient and staff member of the ward.

Rules for the contest are:

1. Decorations will be delivered to the wards on December 16. Decorations, which will be used again at a later date, must remain intact.

2. Decorations to be used in the contest will be limited to those distributed by the veterans' committee. The use of any supplemental decorations will disqualify the ward.

3. All personnel connected with the wards are eligible to help with the decorations.

4. Wards with enlisted personnel will be entered in Class A of the contest; officers' wards will be entered in Class B.

Inexperienced Northerner: "Colonel, is there any cure for snake bite except whisky?"

Kentucky Colonel: "Who cares?"

## Our Navy Mothers Will Foster Dance On December 10th

Oakland Navy mothers will sponsor their monthly dance at Oak Knoll on Monday evening, December 10. Mrs. Violet Schilling and Mrs. Betty Luchetti will be chairmen for the evening.

The next meeting of the club will be held Wednesday evening, December 12, in the Blue Room, Madison Street Temple, at 8 p. m. and members are urged to attend. This will be an extra busy "business" meeting, as Christmas plans for the Haven and for the Christmas party must be discussed.

The regular services at Blue jackets' Haven—beds, showers, dances and hot Sunday breakfasts for the boys go on without interruption. Bandage making on Monday nights and Tuesday afternoons and Thimble Club on Wednesday afternoons continue as usual.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Real Religion

By a strange twist of nature some persons resort to their imagination for their facts and to their memory for their jokes. What they fashion in their own minds, they give an air of reality by attributing to someone else; and what they have borrowed, they claim as their own. A few not only fail to give credit where credit is due but even confuse themselves as to what is fact and what is fancy. They become akin to the unduly imaginative child who cannot tell a lie because everything he pictures in his brain he identifies with reality.

Indulgence may be shown the child in his weaving of "whoppers" and tall tales as the time is patiently awaited when he will outgrow the stage of the fertile imagination, but an adult mind should be able to distinguish between the creation of a "dream-world" and the discovery of a real one. The consequences are especially serious when such a muddle is transferred (as it has been) to religious obligations and religious truths. When man becomes confused about the ultimate purpose of his life, his mind cannot be well balanced and his actions cannot follow a pattern of order. He flounders mentally and morally.

Ordinary conversation furnishes a good clue to the general attitude toward religion. How often have you heard the following remarks—"I don't feel that religion is doing me any good. . . . I don't see any need for such a doctrine. . . . What right has the church got to tell me how to raise my family. . . . No one is going to tell me what I have to do. . . . I'm free to decide how I am going to worship."

If God is a reality and His word is truth, we are not free to accept or reject His existence, His revelation, His commands, His church. Our free nature merely entitles us to be convinced before we accept a truth and to be presented with the dictates of right reason before we obey a command. We have no right to think as we please or to do as we please. Thinking does not make it so and doing does not justify itself as long as we are creatures subject to the mind and will of our Maker. Physically we may be free to deny reality, but morally we are bound to accept Divine Truth and Judgment. Any headlong and headstrong disregard for reasonable restraint and guidance is an abuse of our liberty that will bind us to the consequences of our actions before the Judgment Seat of Almighty God.

Furthermore, a declaration of independence from our Creator is a death warrant to society. Temporarily we may live in a "fool's paradise" of unrestraint, but inevitably we will collide with a million other self-declared gods and with their supposed rights to shape the world after their liking.

This modern tendency to consider religion without regard for God (or reality), and only in relation to service to man, has been well epitomized by Fulton Sheen: "In the beginning God created man to His image and likeness; in the twentieth century man has created god to his image and liking." I am sure God does not appreciate the fact that man has tried to return the compliment. Such a religion without reality merits the ridicule of Bertrand Russell: "Man worships at the shrine his own hands have built." It is not real religion.

CHAPLAIN RICHARD F. REDMAN.



## Our Doctor

Young for the impressiveness of his title as chief of urology, Lt. Cmdr. Leo R. Prins is nevertheless fully qualified for his work both by education and experience. And that he does a good job, in addition to



**Lt. Cmdr. Leo R. Prins  
(MC), USNR.**

being a swell person, is the consensus of his associates on Ward 75B.

### A Minnesota Graduate

Dr. Prins comes from Albert Lea, Minnesota, and he took both his B.S. and M.D. degrees at the University of Minnesota. His internship was spent at St. Joseph's Hospital in St. Paul, followed by a year of general surgical training and 2½ years of urological training.

Private practice in Albert Lea ensued until the Navy claimed his services in November, 1942. His first four months in blue were spent at USNH, San Diego, in, of all things, orthopedic service.

### Duty on 'Canal

Going overseas at a time when the war was still comparatively young, he did urological work at USN Mob 4 in Auckland, New Zealand, and then was attached to the dispensary at the Naval Air Base on Guadalcanal for eight months. The final phases of the Solomons campaign were still being fought at this time.

Eight months of sea duty aboard the APA, USSS Crescent City, and action at Guam, Peleliu and Leyte followed for Dr. Prins. He was beach platoon leader on Guam at a time when insurance rates for that type of activity were practically prohibitive.

Returning to the states, he saw two months of duty at Fleet Hospital 113 and then came to Oak Knoll in April, 1945. Dr. Prins gained invaluable experience working in urology with Captain Reynolds and Captain Coleman, and in October, of 1945 became chief of urology.

### Will Return to Albert Lea

Primarily a surgeon, Dr. Prins performs about five major operations per week, in addition to innumerable minor operations. Dr.

## Notice! Enlisted Men in First Three Pay Grades

A recent AINav states that enlisted men in the first three pay grades are now authorized to make election of money allowance for quarters for dependents (MAQ) in lieu of family allowance, or vice versa. All prior references to irrevocable election of family allowance are hereby cancelled.

MAQ and family allowance are not payable concurrently. However, concurrent payment of family allowance benefits and quarters allowance in own right authorized where otherwise proper.

Such election is not authorized for any individual due for separation from the service within 90 days.

and Mrs. Prins and their seven-year-old boy now live in the Bay Area, but look forward to an early return to Albert Lea and private practice. Mrs. Prins, incidentally, was formerly superintendent of nurses in a St. Paul hospital.

"Playing a lot of golf and shooting a lot of ducks," rank as favorite hobbies with Dr. Prins. Active in Junior Chamber of Commerce work in his home town, he took particular interest in sponsoring local entries in the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament and had the pleasure of seeing one of his proteges sweep all the available honors in the tourney.

Early to bed and early to rise—and your gal goes out with six other guys.

## Marine Guidebook Due January 1st

A profusely illustrated 364-page book incorporating the latest and most accurate word on what every Marine should know will be off the press the first of the year under auspices of the Marine Corps Schools at Quantico, Va., the Division and Plans and Policies at Marine Corps Headquarters, and Leatherneck Magazine.

The book, entitled "Guidebook for Marines," represents a year's work on the part of the three sponsoring organizations. And although it has over 800 illustrations, its size has been kept to a convenient fit for a Marine's dungaree pocket.

Publishers of the guidebook have sought to make it both a useful and readable training aid for the recruit and a reliable and handy reference book for the "old salt".

Valuable lessons learned in World War II have been incorporated into its pages, which are divided into three principal sections—recruit training, the weapons, and tactics. Illustrations include drawings, charts and photos, as well as stroboscopic photographs, the latest method of illustrating movement. The pictures were planned to illustrate in the clearest way various skills of Marines from the precision of a well-executed manual of arms to the tricks of scouting or throwing a grenade.

Junkman: Any old clothes, any old rags?

Chief: Of course not; this is a chief's barracks.

Junkman: Any old bottles?

## Specimens From Our Laboratory...



Not routine and microscopic—but rare and magnificent—are the words for last week's Lab Fab held in and around Redwood Canyon.

The blood-and-guts gang really threw one that will shake test tubes for months. The food was all out of an epicure's hope chest and the beer couldn't have been tastier had it been brewed in the last 30 days. All refreshments were managed adroitly by Open-House Lenore Gates.

Among others she served are the lab's and compound's Bubbles, Casey, Ervin, Kircher, Liddle, Hartley, Poljanec, Tauber, Irma Thomson, Randall and Butler, Maggie Moore and Richard Gibbons, the dishonest woodsman.

Johnny Hardgrave also passed by for a few minutes.

## This Miss Martini A Potent Worker

When the first spadeful was turned to mark the beginning of the construction of U. S. Naval Hospital, Oakland, Miss Claire Martini was there to witness it. At



**Miss Claire Martini**

that time she was employed by the construction company which built the hospital.

Later, Claire received her civil service status and went to work for the Navy Department in Oakland, and six months later landed out here. Before the war, she had been a legal stenographer, which gave her invaluable training for the service she was to give the Navy.

Claire's job in the Patient Personnel Office is not an easy one. Besides being secretary to the personnel officer, she is a busy Notary Public and has, on occasion, served as a recorder of the testimony given at investigations of airplane crashes involving patients here.

And then there are those blue-eyed blondes who call up about a patient who has a cast on his arm and she thinks his name is Jack, but she isn't sure, all of which comes in Miss Martini's province.

These and a thousand other details Claire takes right in her stride and with a chuckle goes on doing her important work with an efficiency which makes her a valuable asset to her department.

## Officers

### Coming

Lt. Scott Whitehouse (MC), USN; Lt. (jg) Beth N. Hack, W-USNR; Lt. Cmdr. John M. Hogan, Jr. (MC), USN; Cmdr. John E. Gorman (MC), USN; Capt. Herman P. McCrimmon (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Leo H. Garland (MC), USNR; Ens. Andrew Gavron (D)L, USNR; Lt. (jg) Page W. Acree (MC), USN; Chief Pharm. William H. Harrison, USN.

### Going

Lt. (jg) Ralph H. Bowman (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Sarkis B. Paul (MC), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. John O. Rose MC(S), USNR; Lt. Cmdr. Willard B. Rew MC(S), USNR; Lt. Howard W. Hill (MC), USN; Lt. (jg) Enoch F. Reed Jr. (MC), USNR; Lt. (jg) Edward C. W. Lum (MC), USNR; Ens. Reinette E. Hall H(W), USNR; Cmdr. William M. Thebaut (MC), USNR; Ens. Manuel M. Drone H(S), USNR; Lt. Donald F. Bellamy (MC), USNR; Cmdr. Thomas R. Counihan (MC), USN; Lt. (jg) Harold L. Rosen (MC), USNR; Ens. Marion C. West H(S), USNR; Capt. Errol W. Willett (DC), USN; Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Johnson (MC), USNR; Lt. Cletus J. Dunn (DC), USNR.



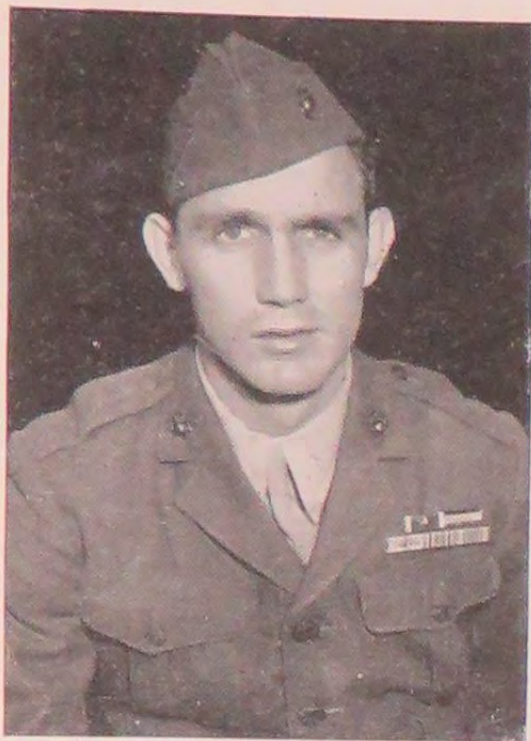
## CASE OF THE WEEK

# This Marine Got Inside Jap Lines —And Jap Bullets Got Inside Him

By Cpl. Ray Averett (USMCR)

Corporal William Jennington Price, USMCR, was endeavoring to get at the seat of the trouble on Okinawa last May 10, when the trouble got at his seat!

Serving as a squad leader with the Seventh Marine Regiment, Price was leading his squad in one



Cpl. William J. Price

of the many assaults against Jap-held Sugar Loaf Hill. The Marines, following a rolling barrage of artillery fire, had advanced too rapidly and were receiving casualties from their own covering fire.

## Victim of Sniper Fire

While Price was shepherding his squad to a position of safety behind the artillery bursts a by-passed sniper fired from a cave, striking him on the heel. This shot ripped his shoe and knocked Price down in open terrain. Before he could rise the sniper fired again and again, slashing gaping wounds on each side of the posterior portions most commonly used for sitting purposes.

Price was removed to the battalion aid station, and the next morning was put aboard the U.S.S. Hope, hospital ship, bound for base hospital No. 18 in Guam. In an extremely critical condition, he was given blood and plasma to sustain life and regular injections of penicillin were begun immediately. Examination aboard ship showed two large wounds in his buttocks, ruptured rectum, and a paralyzed right leg. One of the bullets had deflected upwards and penetrated his back near the abdominal cavity.

## Colostomy Performed

The ruptured rectum necessitated a double-barrelled colostomy in the left mid-abdominal region. This, in the vernacular of the common people, means: An incision was made on the left side of his body just below the chest, the

colon severed and each of the two severed ends of this intestine brought to the surface at the incision, allowing the passage of fecal matter at this point rather than through the regular channels to the injured rectum. While still aboard ship another operation was performed on Price to remove the bullet from lower chest and back.

Shortly after Price arrived at Guam, May 16, the doctors noticed distention of the abdomen. A Levine tube was inserted (and brother, that's really taking it through the nose) and the matter causing the distention withdrawn by Wangenstein suction.

## More Complications

Some time later Price was transferred to Aiea Heights, Pearl Harbor, and while there complications developed in the area around the colostomy, causing excessive drainage from this point. Still in a very serious condition, Price was put aboard a transport, sent to this station and has since been under the expert care of Lt. F. P. Shidler (MC), USNR. In July an incision was made, a catheter inserted and penicillin washes administered in an effort to heal the rupture in the rectum.

In August, Price began to show signs of improvement and most of his wounds healed. At long last, on the road to recovery, he was again doomed to disappointment when x-ray photos revealed symptoms of osteomyelitis in the bony structure of the sacrum. These symptoms failed to develop to a dangerous point, however, and he continued his recovery. By the latter part of October the wounds were well healed, all signs of osteomyelitis had cleared up and the use of his right leg was restored. Price began to gain weight, looked healthier and became an ambling, ambulatory patient.

## A Human Pincushion

After doodling furiously with ccs and units and other odd figures we come to the conclusion that Price has been the recipient of 7,000 cc's of whole blood, taken in 15 transfusions, and that he has been injected with more than 16,000,000 units of penicillin. On November 15, Dr. Shidler very neatly closed the colostomy and his patient has reached the convalescent stage. Next in line is a nice long leave for convalescing purposes.

With most of his troubles behind him (and we do mean behind) Price only has one beef with the world but it isn't an uncommon one as it has to do with the wearing apparel situation and ye olde quartermaster corps. You have our condolences in this last matter, Price, we too are gyrines.

## Off the Bookshelf On and Off the Base

### New Novels in Hospital Library

Bruff: *The Manatee*. (Nantucket in whaling days is the setting of the story of a man who loved the sea better than his own family.)

Carroll: *Keep My Flag Flying*. (Biographical novel of Daniel Webster's life.)

Cochran: *Silver Shoals*. (Romance, pirates, sunken treasure in colonial days, are the elements of this novel.)

Driscoll: *My Felicia*. (The love story of Felicia, a Polish girl, who lives in an Atlantic coast mill town in the early 1930's when bootleggers and depressions flourished.)

Pinckney: *Three o'Clock Dinner*. (A novel with a setting in contemporary Charleston.)

Schenck: *Lean With the Wind*. (Gay story of Tahiti.)

Ullman: *The White Tower*. (Story of an aviator who crashes in a valley in the Swiss Alps and with five other people climbs a high peak near by.)

West: *Animal Fair*. (Love story with a family background.)

Wolheim: *The Portable Novels of Science*. (Included are stories by H. G. Wells, John Taine, H. P. Lovecraft, Odd John.)

Wolfson: *The Lonely Steeple*. (A tragic story of an unhappily married woman.)

### Stories From the Northwest

Gard: *Johnny Chinook: Tall Tales and True From the Canadian West*.

Holbrook: *Promised Land: A Collection of Northwest Writing*.

## On the Compound...

### AUDITORIUM MOVIES

Sat., Dec. 8—"The Male Animal" Henry Fonda and Olivia de Havilland.

Sun., Dec. 9—"Danger Signal" Faye Emerson and Zachary Scott.

Mon., Dec. 10—"Two Girls and a Sailor" Van Johnson and June Allyson.

Tues., Dec. 11—"Bells of St. Mary" Bing Crosby and Ingrid Bergman.

Wed., Dec. 12—"Song of Old Wyoming" Eddie Dean and Jennifer Holt.

Thurs., Dec. 13—"Life with Blondie" Penny Singleton and Arthur Lake.

Fri., Dec. 14—"What Next, Corporal Hargrove?" Robert Walker and Keenan Wynn.

Sat., Dec. 15—"Home in Indiana" Walter Brennan and Jeanne Craine.

## In Oakland...

### MUSIC AND THEATRE

Auditorium Theatre—"Blossom Time," operetta, on Dec. 10 and 11.

## In San Francisco...

### MUSIC AND THEATRE

Curran—"Blossom Time," operetta.

Geary—"Dear Ruth," comedy.

Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with refreshments included. Nightly at 8:30 except Monday.



"How many points do you have, Al?"

Photo Lab's Bob Agnew, as talented with a pen as with a camera, provides this pessimistic view of the point situation.



## "Blossom Time" Brought a Rich Harvest of Comedy And Song When Costumeless Cast Played Auditorium



Upper left: A rousing vocal finale with All Hands present brings "Blossom Time" to a tuneful close. Upper right: Comic relief was in the hands of these two competent and contrasting gentlemen. Lower left: A curtain call is taken by a comely octet. Lower right: The second romantic leads vocalize their romantic troubles.

P. O.: All present or accounted for, sir, except Schultz.

Lt.: What happened to Schultz?

P. O.: He flunked his demolition test, sir.

### SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

10 Dec.—Round Table Series: "News Developments." Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

11 Dec.—Lecture and Discussion: "Radio as a Business and as a Hobby." D. S. Gross (factory manager Friden Calculating Machine Co.).

12 Dec.—Lecture and Discussion: "Farm Equipment Sales and Service." Merritt D. Hill (director Pacific Coast operations, Harry Ferguson, Inc., Ford tractor division.)

13 Dec.—G. I. Movie Weekly.

14 Dec.—Lecture and Discussion: "Vocational Opportunities in the Metals Industry." Paul Sampson (purchasing agent, General Metals Corp.).

### 3 Night Corpsmen Students By Day

Night ward duty at Oak Knoll and high school classes during the morning is the busy schedule being followed by three ambitious young corpsmen. They are Carl Payne and Mathew Di Carlo, who are taking refresher courses, and Jerry Marford, who is finishing his high school education.

Castlemont High School on MacArthur Blvd. is the scene of their scholastic activities. They catch their 40 winks in the afternoon and evening before going on duty.

Carl Payne, who lives in Seattle, Wash., will study medicine at the University of Washington upon his discharge from the Navy. Mathew Di Carlo, Bedford, Mass., and Jerry Marford, Oregon, both plan postwar collegiate careers.

Tight clothing doesn't stop a girl's circulation, because the tighter the clothing, the more a girl circulates.

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"There are two volunteers outside, sir, with four MAA's."

"What are the MAA's doing here?"

"Dragging the volunteers, sir."

### Graduation Day



Platoon Sgt. William F. Brazelton (USMC), a patient on Ward 42B, last week received his high school diploma from Lt. John C. Payne, Educational Services Officer here. One of more than 50 men who have been granted diplomas here, Sgt. Brazelton was awarded his on the basis of self-education and a general educational development test by Central High School in Tulsa, Okla.

Suffering from a compound fracture of the humerus, which will probably disqualify him for a future in the Marine Corps, Sgt. Brazelton plans to take engineering at the University of California. He was hit on Bougainville and is the possessor of the Bronze Star.

### To buy..sell..rent..!

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### To Sell . . .

Tappen Range, in excellent condition, and Icebox, practically new. Call Ext. 121 or see Miss Ross in Administration Building Annex.

### Wanted . . .

Ride to the hospital from Berkeley in the mornings only. Contact Lt. (jg) B. N. Hack in Welfare and Recreation Office, Ext. 263.

Dr. McCrimmon wants to join transportation pool to and from Parkmerced. Please contact him on Ward 44B.

San Francisco stock and bond house, member of stock exchange, has urgent need for male employee and prefers veteran; partially-disabled invited to apply. Opening is for messenger, delivery-aid, and assistant in clearing and cashing work. This is an opportunity for a man to learn stock and bond business and can be the starting point for a future career in the sales, statistical or cashing end of the business. Call Mr. Davis (DO 2484), of Davis, Skaggs & Co., 211 Montgomery St.

### Wanted To Rent . . .

Furnished or unfurnished house or apartment with two bedrooms, suitable for family of three. Any leads appreciated. Contact Lt. (jg) Claud M. Bay (MC), USNR, Ward 45B.

### Lost . . .

Blue and gold Eversharp Pen, name engraved on barrel. Finder please return to W. B. Grotegut, Patient Personnel Office, after 5 p. m. Reward.

Gray and silver Parker "51" Fountain Pen. Reward. Call PhM3c Lenore Gates, Ext. 257, or Wave Barracks.

Officer's Raincoat with buttoned lining, size 39 long. Taken from Officers' Club on Dec. 3. Finder please call Ens. R. H. Simmonds on Ward 69A.

### Pleasant Point-Accumulators

To Patients and Staff:

The *Oak Leaf* wants to print pictures of your wife or daughter(s). These feminine charmers, good for 10 points under the demobilization plan, will be reproduced weekly under a new *Oak Leaf* feature, "Pleasant Point Accumulators," starting next week.

Submit pictures of your Mrs. or your own Junior Miss—or both,—to the *Oak Leaf* Office, second deck, rear annex, Administration Building.



# The Sporting Scene

## Cagers Trip Flyers 36-21; Lose to T. I. Armed Guard

Play in the 12th Naval District Hospital League opened auspiciously for Oak Knoll's Cagers on Wednesday, December 5, when they overpowered Alameda Naval Dispensary 36-21. The Knollmen were way off their stride but mustered enough skill to coast to an easy win in an uninspiring game.

The half-time score was 20-10 in favor of Oak Knoll and Jones was high point man for the winners with 9 points.

Our Cagers face a heavy schedule next week, involving tussles with an independent team from Berkeley on Monday night, with the Hilltoppers of San Leandro Hospital on Tuesday night, and with T. I. Hospital on Thursday night. The two latter games are league contests.

The first defeat of the season for Oak Knoll's cocky station cagers was administered on Wednesday night, Nov. 28, by the Armed Guard B team at the Treasure Island gym. The final score was 40-25.

Too tall and experienced for the Oak Knollers, the corpsmen, nevertheless, fought gamely, with the result that it was a well played, interesting contest. The half-time score was 20-12, with the Armed Guard leading.

Lt. Cheney, scoring six points, led the scoring for the Knollmen, with Jones, Lee, Cruse and Lather each contributing four, and Schaffer 3. Oak Knoll has acquitted itself nobly in the pre-season tilts and looks forward confidently to opening of Hospital League play.

## Waves Beat S. F. Team In League Opener

In a tough tussle, Oak Knoll's Waves opened play in the Red Division of the Cage League by beating the Fleet Record Office Waves 23-20. The game was played on Wednesday, November 28, and was a nip and tuck fight all the way.

With the score 23 to 20, and some minutes to go, Oak Knoll resorted to a delaying game and managed to hold on to the ball to chalk up their first league win. The half-time score was 11-8 in favor of the San Francisco gals.

Jean Morrison was the deadeye for the locals, sinking 16 points. Dennison scored five and Mirtl two to account for the rest of the scoring. Townsend led the losers with seven points.

With demobilization continuing to take its toll, the need for players on the Wave cage squad is great. All women who would like to play are urged to contact Lt. (jg) Dorothy Hack in the Welfare and Recreation Office.

## Psychos, Ramblers Hold Lead in Pin Loop

Last week's play in the hospital's compound bowling leagues saw the Psychos clinging desperately to a slimming lead in the White circuit, while in the Black circuit the Ramblers held their place at the top of the heap.

In spite of losing two and only winning one against Patient Personnel, the Psychos still led by two full games and look like the team to beat. Tied for second are the Welfare and Recreation team and the Internes. The Ramblers, in spite of losing two to a strong X-ray squad, still led the pack by a full game.

### White League Standings

	W.	L.
Psychos	12	6
Welfare and Recreation	10	8
Internes	10	8
Post Office	8	10
Patient Personnel	7	11
Ship's Service	7	11

### Black League Standings

Ramblers	11	4
X-ray	10	5
Physio	8	7
Dental Clinic	7	8
Rookies	5	10
Central Supply	4	11

## Nurses Lose 30-13 to NAS Alameda Waves

Oak Knoll's Angels of Mercy, opening play in the Blue Division Cage League, were treated very inhospitably, indeed, by the Waves of NAS, Alameda, on November 29. The game was played at Alameda and the final score was 30-13, with our Nurses represented by the unlucky numeral.

The half-time score was 10-9, with Oak Knoll leading, but from then on youth was served with a vengeance and the gals in blue had things pretty much their own way.

Cholminski led the winners with 13 points, while Coy tallied seven points to score a majority of the markers for the hospital.

This week the Nurses meet the San Francisco Marinettes in their second league encounter.

Chaplain: "My boy, are you following the Ten Commandments?"

Seaman: "I don't know, sir, I have all I can do to keep up with the ship's memos and notices."

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"Mother," said the little girl, "shall I run and mail this letter?"

The fond mother looked out at the torrents of rain falling, and said, "Gracious no, dear, it's not a fit day out for man or beast. Let your father take the letter out."

## Scuttlebutt

The lab's sanguine haematologists discharged crystal-clear warm tears at the news Monday of another discharge, that of their pliant reliant boss, lustrous **Lt. Elizabeth Gerrard**. Seven-months' baby of the blood-curdlers, Stanford-schooled Miss Gerrard is a veteran of three short years of Naval service.

No ordinary gourmand is **Bill Remo**, newest addition to Patient Personnel. Already a champion in the "coffee and" department, he has been lately observed munching on a head of cabbage.

Patient Personnel last week welcomed a group of lads from Fleet Hospital 113 who have pitched right into the work. "They're O.K. and they know their jobs," is the consensus in the department. Also plenty O.K. is **Tina Reeves**, former Wave, who has returned to her job there as a civilian. The typewriter brigade this week mourns the departure of **Dorothy Insley**, **Mary McGuire** and **Eileen Marcum**.

**Morgan** labors in Patient Personnel also, but his work takes him into Disbursing and Transportation quite frequently. It's quite understandable—we like the scenery there, too.

Why do they call Staff Personnel's **Joyce Hartley** "Sally Rand"? The resemblance isn't apparent...

Congratulations go to personable and popular **Lt. Eleanor Stockhausen** (NNC), Oak Knoll's queen of the Purple Hearts, in the blood bank drive conducted last summer. She went and got herself married on her recent leave.

"**Frankie** and **Johnnie** were sweethearts"—especially on the Starboard Duty Watch.

## MOIPHY...

By Penberthy



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With the departure last week of **Phyllis Glenn** and with **Wilma Mengali** scheduled to leave next week, why, X-ray just won't be the same.

They're a hardy crew in Physio-Therapy. **Reber** beats up on the women and **Katie** beats up on the men.

When Medical Storeroom had their last party **Chief Pickett** was very much in evidence in the company of **Susie**. It was a very wet evening and... well, it was a very wet evening...

Congratulations go to **PhM3c Richard Mihalevich** of Peripheral Nerve Surgery and his wife on the birth of a son, **Michael Anthony**, on Sunday, Dec. 2.





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## Midmorning Citations Honor Eight



Captain H. A. Erickson and Lt. (jg) R. B. Rowe receive their decorations from their skipper, Captain A. H. Dearing.



Eight men were honored at the colorful Citation Ceremony held Saturday morning, December 8 on Henderson Circle. Among the awards were the Navy Cross and the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Captain A. H. Dearing, medical officer in command, made the presentations and the citations were read by Captain Hirshland, acting executive officer.

Receiving the service's highest honor, The Navy Cross, was 1st Lt. C. Greene USMCR, while to Lt. (jg) Robert B. Rowe USNR went

the Distinguished Flying Cross. Captain H. A. Erickson (MC) USNR, staff officer here, was awarded both the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart.

Pfc James Worthington USMCR and Pvt. Stanley Araujo USMCR were both recipients of the Silver Star and RM3c Stanley Vasilovich USNR was given the Bronze Star. To ARM3c Earl Saulman USNR went the Air Medal and to Ens. S. B. Lassiter (HC) USN, also a staff officer here, went the Navy Unit Commendation.

## Bill Mauldin Tells Woes of Ex-GI's in Civilian Clothes

By Bill Mauldin  
(G. I. Artist and Civilian)

(SEA).—Many people say being a civilian is no good, that after being one for a few weeks you'll wish to hell you were back in the Army. They're nuts.

The discharge simply means that you are free to begin living your own life. It's good to be free like that but it has some drawbacks.

I've found that people generally try to give you little breaks here and there because you were in service but they don't fall all over themselves. There are a couple of reasons:

One is that so many guys have come home they are no longer a novelty. The other reason is that once in a while they run into some punk who got his first pair of shoes in the Army and is anxious to see

how many free beers his uniform will get. He pops off about what a raw deal he's getting and he asks every civilian between 16 and 60 "Why ain't you in uniform, Bud?"

Since being home I've found that the loudest are those who suffered the least. After a citizen runs into a few of these characters he is going to be very cautious about the honest guys who have had their pants shot off, lost their girls while overseas, can't find jobs and are just trying to get along.

If you have to deal with some mug who got fat from the war and doesn't want to give you your due get as tough as you like and throw the book at him. But until you're sure about him, don't approach him with a chip on your shoulder.

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## Physiotherapist Meeting Features Staff Speakers

Oak Knoll was host, on Friday, December 7, to the monthly meeting of the Northern California Chapter of the American Physiotherapy Association. A tremendous success, it was the consensus of the keenly interested audience of specialists that it was one of the most outstanding meetings ever held by the group.

Dinner in the Staff Officers' Dining Room and an inspection tour of Physical and Occupational Therapy facilities here preceded the meeting which was held top-side of the Dental Clinic.

The program for the clinical meeting was arranged by Lt. Cmdr. Howard E. Fralick (MC) USNR, head of Physiotherapy at Oak Knoll, and Lt. Eugenia Grunsky H(W) USNR.

Cmdr. William K. Livingston (MC) USNR, Chief of the Peripheral Nerve Center, opened the

meeting and presented his associates. Lt. (jg) K. E. Livingston (MC) USNR, son of Cmdr Livingston, discussed and presented cases concerning the rapid identification of Peripheral Nerve injuries.

Lt. Edward W. Davis (MC) USNR, spoke on the causes of Peripheral Nerve involvement and showed patients as well as movies of servicemen who have had tendon transplants. Lt. Cmdr. Henry B. Newman (MC) USNR discussed Neuro-Muscular electrophysiology.

Highlighting the meeting was Cmdr. Livingston's presentation of his concept of the inter-nuncial pool and its relation to physical therapy.

Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN, medical officer in command, and many of the Bay Area's prominent service and civilian specialists in this field were in attendance.

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## Are You Eligible for an Income Tax Refund?

Public Law No. 214, recently enacted, provides that all compensation received for enlisted service as a member of the Armed Forces of the United States for the taxable year beginning after 31 December 1940 and before the termination of the present war as proclaimed by the President is entirely excluded from gross income for Federal Income Tax purposes.

Any tax already paid on such compensation will be refunded upon submission of a proper claim before 1 January 1947, except for taxes for 1943 and subsequent years, claims for which must be filed prior to the expiration of a three year period beginning on the date the return was due to be filed.

This law applies to all compensation received for services while serving below the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. The fifteen hundred dollar exclusion from gross income of active service pay as a commissioned officer for years beginning after 31 December 1942 and before the termination of the present war is continued.

Claim for refund forms may be obtained at the Legal Assistance Office on the top deck of the Post

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## Chaplain Straus Feted at Farewell

Captain H. Cerf Straus, 12th Naval District Chaplain, who for the past two years has been Jewish chaplain here, conducted services for the last time on Friday, December 7, in the Station Chapel. Scheduled for discharge, Chaplain Straus was honored after the ser-



Chaplain Straus, left, receives a farewell handshake from Chaplain Chrisman.

vices at a reception in the Educational Services lounge.

Chaplain C. D. Chrisman, Chief Chaplain at Oak Knoll, paid tribute to Chaplain Straus on behalf of his department and brought best wishes for success and happiness in the civilian field. Other speakers were Harry Sapper, director of the

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## GUEST EDITORIAL

### Editorially Speaking . . .

By the first of the year some 1,200,000 Navy men will be ex-bluejackets.

The world picture into which they are stepping isn't a very pretty one. In fact, it is a scene blotched with national strikes, housing shortages, international unrest. America owes much to the men who made her a great nation, an unconquerable nation. In wartime, the American people ironed out their problems. They found methods of doing the improbable when the improbable was then termed "impossible." If they had failed we might well be bowing to those who are now bowing to us. We might well have been a subjugated nation instead of the now-sadly agitated nation.

America must settle her present problems with the skill she mustered during times of war. She must rise above the ashes of her own turbulency and give those 1,200,000 ex-sailors a chance to live and work in peace with a feeling that those things for which they fought in foreign waters were real things gained by fighting.

—The Masthead.

## Attentive Group at Physio Conclave



Cmdr. Livingston, Captain Dearing, and the large audience of hospital and visiting experts listen intently at the Physiotherapy Clinical Meeting.

## Divine Services

### Protestant:

Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, T. M. Hale, J. A. Talley.

Sunday—  
Morning Service . . . . . 1000  
Communion Service . . . . . 1100  
Evening Vespers . . . . . 1930

Weekday—  
Morning Devotions . . . . . 0730  
Vesper Service . . . . . 1600  
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel) . . . . . 1800.

Choir—Tuesday and Thursday, 1400-1500.

### Catholic:

Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.

Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.  
Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.  
Confessions before all Masses.  
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

### L. D. S. (Mormon):

Chaplain E. R. Simmons. Office Hours, New Chapel, Thursdays from 1300 to 1500. Divine Services 1930 Thursday.

### Jewish:

Chaplain—H. Cerf Straus, Ext. 184. Divine Service—2000 Friday.

The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

### Christian Science:

War-time minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

## Chaplain Straus—

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Oakland Jewish Federation; Bernard Miran of the Hospital Service Department of the National Jewish Welfare Board; and Mrs. Sarah Rosenberg, chairman of the Oakland Hospital Committee of the Jewish Welfare Board.

After the service, Chaplain Straus was presented with a fine gift by his many friends in this area. Tasty refreshments, with many of his friends and acquaintances on hand to bid him a regretful farewell, featured the reception which followed the service.

Captain Straus, who has the distinction of being the highest ranking Jewish Chaplain in the Navy, will leave for the east upon his discharge from the service. With him goes Oak Knoll's best wishes for happy and fruitful duty.

Girls when they went out to swim  
Once dressed like Mother Hubbard,  
Now they have a bolder whim  
And dress more like her cupboard.

## Officers

### Coming

Pharm. Robert D. German USN, Pharm. William M. Hendry USN, Captain Fern W. Thompson (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Milton D. Levine (MC) USNR, Cmdr. John W. Derbyshire (MC) USN, Captain Mary Stupp (MC) USN, Lt. (jg) Edgar L. Lockett Jr. (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Charles F. Kane (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Robert Loeffler (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Herbert Liermann (HC) USN.

### Going

Cmdr. George D. Geckeler (MC) USNR, Captain Jesse T. Nicholson (MC) USNR, Cmdr. Edwin J. Marble (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Richard E. Garlinghouse (MC) USNR, Cmdr. Frank J. Smith (DC) USN, Lt. (jg) Reams Q. Price (HC) USN, Cmdr. John D. Camp (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Leonard Q. Kelly (ChC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Robert H. Mastin (D/L) USNR, Lt. (jg) Bonner L. Shinn (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Joseph Turbin (MC) USNR, Captain Henry H. Searls (MC) USNR, Cmdr. John B. Hollingsworth (MC) USNR, Lt. Cmdr. Malcolm D. Lindeman (CEC) USNR, Lt. Elizabeth J. Gervan (H/W) USNR, Lt. (jg) Norman J. Levy (MC) USNR, Cmdr. Albert E. Pound (DC) USNR, Lt. (jg) Andrew W. Puntenney (MC) USNR.

## Income Tax—

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Office Building. In order that a claim for refund may be properly prepared it is necessary to know the district with which the income tax return was originally filed, and the amount of tax paid.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### Joyless Christians

A well-known lady of a prominent church had been talking at length with an intelligent agnostic. Her aim was to interest him in the church and in becoming a member of it. After much talking, however, she was interrupted. "Well, Madam, all I have to say is this. If you Christians want to make us agnostics inclined to look into your religion, you must try to be more comfortable in the possession of it yourselves. The Christians I meet seem the most uncomfortable people anywhere to be found. They seem to carry their religion as a man carries a headache. He does not want to get rid of his head but at the same time it is very uncomfortable to have it. I for one do not care for that sort of religion."

What a stinging condemnation of present day Christianity and how true! For if there is one institution bereft of bursting enthusiasm, excited activity, and much semblance of sheer joy in the lives of its members, it is the Christian Church. And the real tragedy of it is that enthusiasm and joy are as necessarily a part of the true Christian as wings are to a bird and flowers to a lovely garden. What has become of that vibrant joy characteristic of Christians? There is not much sign of it nowadays on the faces of people.

Why is it so? In the first place, we have let our minds grow dull and insensitive to the main sources of joy open to all Christians on equal terms. Jesus, the happiest of men, found satisfaction in the enjoyment of nature, in the ministry of helpfulness, in the love of friends; and back of it all was his abiding faith in the goodness of God. No one ever learns the first lesson in happiness until he begins to enjoy the simple blessings which provide the setting for the average life.

Dante, in his imaginary trip through hell, came to a great mud-hole with bubbles oozing up through the slime. His guide explained that under the mud were the people who lived on earth without enjoying the lovely things made by God. They had been blind to the blessings around them. Now their eyes were filled with mud so that they would never again see.

Yes, these are continual sources of joy. But even greater is that which comes from letting our minds rest on great Christian truths such as the birth of Jesus. His coming into the world revealed a God whose love extends to every man; one who was willing to sacrifice a blameless Son that men without hope might escape their deserved fate and be recipients of everlasting life. If the contemplation of such a truth does not fill our hearts with a ringing joy, then there is little that can touch or move us. The Christmas season approaches. When it arrives, may we know something of that same joy which must have been in the hearts of the shepherds on the first Christmas night, when they heard the angels sing, "Joy to the World, the Lord is Come."

CHAPLAIN WILLIAM F. SUMMERS.



## Our Doctor

Variety has been the keynote of Captain Hirshland's naval career, including many types of duty both overseas and stateside. Latest job for this quietly pleasant and efficient officer has been the position of Acting Executive Officer during the illness of Captain Manlove.



**Captain Harold Hirshland**  
MC(S) USNR

A B.S. degree from the University of Michigan and an M.D. from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia were the necessary pre-ludes for private practice in his native Reading, Pa. Specializing in gynecology, he was gynecologist to the Reading Hospital and also Endocrinologist at the Community General Hospital. He took post-graduate work in cystoscopy at Johns Hopkins University and in pathological gynecology at Temple University Hospital, Philadelphia.

### Served as DesPac Medic

Captain Hirshland entered the Navy in April, 1942, and his first overseas duty was in the capacity of DesPac Medical Officer on the staff of Admiral Tisdale. Aboard the Destroyer Tender USS Markab, for one and a half years Dr. Hirshland ministered to the medical and surgical needs of the Destroyer Pack between Pearl Harbor, and the Aleutians. This work included 174 major and minor operations aboard ship.

Coming to Oak Knoll in February, 1944, Captain Hirshland was first put in charge of 76A, a general surgery ward, and then 44A, an orthopedic surgery ward. Variety really entered the life of Captain Hirshland when in October, 1944, he became Rehabilitation Officer here.

### Organized Rehab. Dept. Here

A comparatively new thing in the Navy, under the direction of Dr. Hirshland, Rehabilitation became a vital and important phase of the hospital's work. The therapy of constructive work in the form of a huge victory garden, a functioning garage, a baseball field, and the job of salvaging aviation instruments were some of the outstanding accomplishments of this program. It is generally conceded that U. S. Naval Hospital, Oak-

## Most Recent Demobilization AlNav Opens Escape Hatch—If over 38

1. Subject to the provisions of this Alnav, enlisted personnel who are thirty-eight years of age and over and have dependents are to be considered as having a PRIMA FACIE case of hardship which will result in their discharge upon request.

2. Regardless of their point scores, rates, or classifications, all enlisted personnel (except those specified below) who are, or hereafter become, thirty-eight years of age or over and have a state of dependency as defined in paragraph 4C (marriage prior to 15 August 1945) of Alnav 395-45 shall be transferred for discharge upon written request made to their Com-

manding Officers. Commanding Officers are hereby authorized to approve such requests and transfer such enlisted personnel for discharge without prior reference to BuPers. Enlisted personnel discharged hereunder will be discharged for the convenience of the Government. Entries should be made on page 9 of the service record that discharge was effected under the authority of this Alnav. The following enlisted personnel are not eligible for discharge under this Alnav:

### Handled Liberty and Leave

Late in 1945 Captain Hirshland added to his Rehabilitation work the varied duties of Liberty and Leave Officer and now he is pinch-hitting for Captain Manlove as executive officer.

A corporal in an Army medical company in World War I and then a 1st Lt. in the reserve, Captain Hirshland has finally decided he likes the military life and may become a regular Navy man. If this does not come to pass, private practice in Berkeley will follow his release from the service.

Captain and Mrs. Hirshland are the parents of two children. Their son is the fourth youngest Ensign in the Navy, now stationed at Guam and their daughter is the wife of an Air Corps Sergeant.

(1) USN enlisted personnel whose period of enlistment or any voluntary extension thereof has not expired.

(2) Retired enlisted personnel.

(3) Enlisted personnel of the Fleet Reserve.

(4) Enlisted personnel who are hospitalized or undergoing medical or dental treatment.

(5) Enlisted personnel in a disciplinary status.

(6) Enlisted personnel restored to active duty on probation after disciplinary measures if violation of the probation would result in a Bad Conduct Discharge or Dishonorable Discharge.

3. Enlisted personnel eligible for discharge under this Alnav shall be processed through the same facilities and in the same manner as those provided for other categories of personnel eligible for release under Alnav 395-45. Enlisted personnel released under the provision of this Alnav will not be re-enlisted except by specific authority of the Bureau of Naval Personnel.

## Trondby Fenstad, Oak Leaf Editor, Out of the Navy

Gone today from the scenes of Oak Knoll's news is friendly, freckled Trondby Fenstad, pipe-smoking, type-convoking *Oak Leaf* managing editor for over a year.



**PhM3c Trondby Fenstad**

The Naval career of the sturdy, wordy penman has been severed by the sweet ax of demobilization and he will resume business activity in his own publications enterprise, the System Press, in Chicago. After the close of the executive day, his pert, alert mind will turn toward the University of Chicago. There Fenstad will further his candidacy toward a Master's degree in political science. At present he is the possessor of a Bachelor of Philosophy degree conferred by Northwestern University.

Under the helmsmanship of the pensive, intensive word-wielder, the *Oak Leaf* has achieved a unique and coveted position among the Navy's hospital newspapers. Much of this success is directly attributable to the schooled talents of the calculating, penetrating Fenstad.

He first won writing distinction in 1936 when his fantastical tale, "Man Fish of North Creek," was published in *Story* magazine. Later this was republished in Whit Burnett's short story anthology, "Two Bottles of Relish," available at the library here.

Awaiting his arrival in Chicago's Loop (scene of his primary literary conquest—he sold the *Daily News* there) will be his charming, disarming spouse, Dorothy, and heir cute, astute daughter, Linda, 5.

## The Wolf

by Sansone



## Oak Knoll's Blood Bank Needs Your Blood!

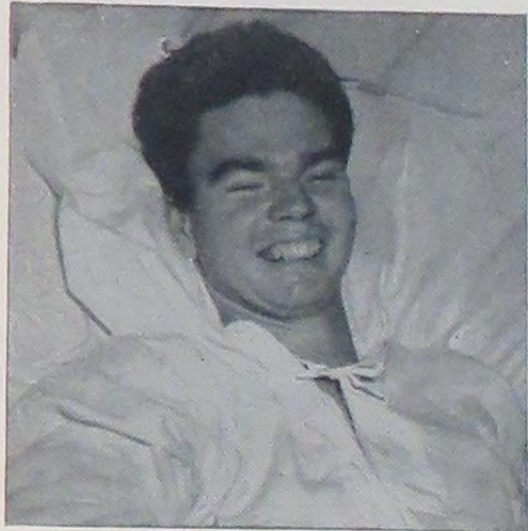
The Blood Bank has sent out an S. O. S. for more blood for Oak Knoll patients. Anyone who wishes to help out in this important project can call Ext. 226 or stop in at the blood bank topside of the Marine detachment building to make an appointment. Patients who wish to make donations must have their Ward Medical Officer's signature. Blood is urgently needed and you are all asked to make an effort to help out this worthy project.



## CASE OF THE WEEK

# His Meningococcus Cried 'Sock Us' . . . But Penicillin Couldn't Do It

When the tricky little microbe known as meningococcus found itself inside the walls of resistance of S1c Wayne Richardson, it wasn't content to settle down to a happy



S1c Wayne Richardson

existence in the meninges, or coverings of the spinal cord and brain, as the meningococcus usually does.

## These Microbes Traveled

Instead it insisted on traveling, and travel it did, using Wayne's blood circulatory system as a highway. In fact, the meningococcus became so prolific in the blood stream that it caused clots of blood to form about clusters of the microbes. And in Wayne's case the clots, called emboli, were big enough to get caught in the small arteries of his feet, hands, and skin and cause the tissues supplied by these arteries to die.

That is why Wayne's situation is so very unusual, for although infection of the blood stream by the meningococcus is common, the emboli resulting are generally so small that they cause only tiny red spots called petechiae to appear in the skin.

## Wayne in Bad Way

So it was that Wayne appeared on November 13 in Ward 50B with large purple blotches on the skin of hands and legs, and with cold, white toes where the arterial supply had been shut off. It looked as though such a process, if allowed to continue, would eventually block the blood supply to the vital organs—which wouldn't be good.

But this was where the doctors stepped in. Knowing that the meningococcus is generally as helpless in the presence of penicillin and sulfadiazine as a mosquito is in a bottle of DDT, they poured penicillin into his veins and gave sulfadiazine by mouth.

## Sulfa Does the Job

At first his temperature came down, but not as dramatically as it usually does with such treatment. Instead of coming down to normal, it stayed at 103°. This made the doctors think that the sulfadiazine was causing a fever reaction, and so it was discon-

tinued. The fever persisted. And then the bacteriology laboratory came in with a surprising report—this particular meningococcus was insensitive to penicillin in the usual concentrations attained in the blood! It was not insensitive to sulfadiazine, however, so back on "the drug" went Richardson. This time the temperature came down.

Still there was the question of the cold, white feet. How much damage had been done that could not be repaired? As time went on, the picture became brighter, for it became apparent that he would lose only some of his toes, with the main, weight-bearing parts of his feet remaining intact.

## Microbe Makes Comeback

Just as everything looked rosy last week the temperature chart again took the outline of a Sierra peak. The meningococcus had not been wiped out and was now retaliating from a guerilla state. So the two drugs were used again, and again with success. This time it

## SPECIAL INTEREST PROGRAM

Time: 0900.

Place: Room 202C, Topside Marine Detachment.

For: All officer and enlisted, staff and patient personnel.

17 Dec.—Round Table Series: "News Developments," Lt. J. C. Payne (Ed. Services).

18 Dec.—Lecture and Discussion: "Selling as a Vocation," Mr. Harry M. Thomas (Dist. Mgr. Punch-Lok Co.).

19 Dec.—Lecture and Discussion: "Opportunities in the Electrical Utility Field," Mr. A. J. Noia (Supervisor of Personnel Relations, P. G. & E., San Francisco).

20 Dec.—Payday. No program.

21 Dec.—G. I. Movie Weekly.

looks as if the meningococcus will stay whipped.

So unusual is Richardson's case that a description of it is being prepared for publication in a medical journal. Richardson, with newfound claim to fame, however, retains his old ideals and ambitions—to go home to Oklahoma and study electrical engineering.

## Vets Present Four Flags to Chapel



Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN, medical officer in command, officially receives from George Semonsen the flags presented to the chapel by the Veterans' organization. Looking on are Chief Chaplain Chrisman (right), Chaplain Kelly (left), and other members of the visiting committee.

Four flags—American, Catholic, Protestant, and Jewish—were presented to the hospital by La Societe Des, 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux Voiture N. 27, on November 28.

The flags were officially presented to Captain A. H. Dearing (MC) USN by Mr. George Semonsen, chairman of the Committee, in the Station Chapel at 2100. In addition, the group supplemented the gift with a check to purchase any needed Chapel equipment.

The flags, which are secured in metal standards, will be individu-

ally displayed along with the American ensign during the services of the denomination it represents.

Besides Captain Dearing and Mr. Semonsen, the following were present for the presentation: Chaplains C. D. Chrisman, L. A. Kelly, A. T. L. Armstrong and J. A. Talley; members of the committee: I. Thompson, W. Sorenson, M. Gaston, B. Mibach, J. McGee, W. Hayes, H. Peterson, W. LaHayes, F. Curley, and W. Taylor.

## As For Gardening, See Bernie Garcia

Three and a half years ago when Bernie Garcia came to Oak Knoll the job that faced him as gardener was not an easy one. His job was to change that rugged, rocky terrain into lawns and flower beds and



Bernie Garcia

make the grounds of Oak Knoll a place of beauty.

Of the many obstacles he had to overcome, Bernie thinks that the shortage of help, poor soil, and rain were the worst. One of the outstanding spots of beauty is Gendreau Circle in the heart of Oak Knoll which Bernie changed from a rocky field into the spot of beauty it is now.

## Present Project is Chapel

His present project is beautifying the grounds surrounding the new Chapel. For this job he has big plans. As soon as the weather permits he and his crew are going to plant shrubs, lawns and flowers to form a more perfect setting for this new feature of the hospital.

Another new addition to the hospital is the greenhouse, which was built by A-5 patients. In this building are kept the potted plants and flowers which eventually will find their way to the various wards of the compound to add color and beauty. Here also are raised the cut flowers which decorate the tables of the officers' chow hall and the officers' club.

## Has Crew of 18

With the end of the war and the closing down of many war industries, the big obstacle of help has slowly been alleviated and Bernie now has a force of eighteen men under his jurisdiction.

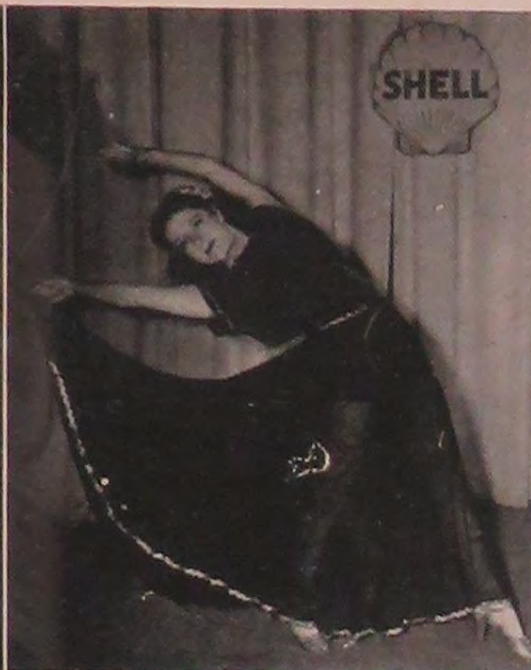
Gardening for a living isn't enough for Bernie as it is also one of his hobbies. Golf and handball rate as favorite sports. Bernie lives with his wife and nine-year-old daughter in San Leandro.

## Bond Total \$6,750.00

Ens. R. M. Roberts (HC) USN, Bond Officer here, announces that \$6,750.00 in bonds was purchased by Oak Knollers in the drive which ended December 8.



# Shell Oil Show Filled Tankful of Laughs



Thursday, December 6, saw the Shell Oil Co. Variety Show, veteran of 1,716 performances, bringing its smooth and versatile group to Oak Knoll's Auditorium. Upper left: Johnny O'Brien, harmonicomic, got everything from rhythm to railroads out of his two-bit instrument. Upper center: Ardis May's beauty and acrobatic dances were highlights of the show. Upper right: Eunice Steele accompanied nimbly on the keyboards of both the organ and the piano. Lower left: Carlyle, the magician, mystified with his prestidigitat-ing. Lower center: Ventriloquizing with her little wooden men was the forte of Lucile Elmore. Lower right: Wanda Warren, lovely songstress, got an ovation for her rendition of popular ditties.

## To buy..sell..rent..

NOTICE: "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

### To Sell . . .

Electric Creaser and Corona Portable Typewriter. See Doerr on Ward 70A.

### To Rent . . .

Rooms to rent, \$8 to \$12 per week at 18911 Lake Chabot Road, Hayward (former Castro Valley Community Hospital Building). About 5 miles from hospital, 3/4 of a mile from route 50 and bus line. Proprietors: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Orth.

### Lost . . .

Beagle Hound, small, black and tan. Has lame front paw. \$50 reward. Contact Sylvia King, TR 9119.

### Found . . .

Wrist watch. May be claimed upon identification. See Dr. Fralick in Physio Therapy.

## Rescue Role For Subs At End of Jap War

(SEA).—At the war's end a third of the Navy's operational submarines were patrolling bomber paths, giving reasonably sure rescue for downed fliers within three hours. One pilot, Lt. B. V. Burtch, USNR, was safe aboard the USS Silversides four minutes after abandoning his plane off Shikoku.

The "Submarine Lifeguard League" rescued 504 airmen. The first specific rescue assignment was given the USS Skate late in 1943 during a task force attack against Wake. Her rescue of six aviators led to the lifeguard system that operated so successfully during carrier strikes against Japan and B-29 runs from the Marianas.

"Dumbos" and "Superdumbos," search planes, led the subs to victims. Top record for a single patrol was rescue of 30 airmen last May by the USS Tigrone.

## Wanted . . .

Navy wife wanted to share home in exchange for help. Room, board and small salary. Call LOfckhaven 8-1630.

Ride to and from Oak Knoll, Monday thru Friday, from Maple &

## Veterans Prefer Trade Schools to Colleges

(SEA).—An increasing percentage of veterans are taking trade, business school and on-the-job training in preference to a college education, according to the Veterans Administration.

A sample survey of veterans in training under the GI Bill of Rights revealed that in 10 months the percentage in colleges decreased from 70% to 42%, while those in trade and business schools increased from 17% to 37%, and those in on-the-job training increased from 1% to 6%. Meanwhile the number of veterans over 25 in training increased from 12% to 25%.

Of 14,986 disabled ex-servicemen who are students the Veterans Administration announced that 7,567 are aiming at professional and managerial jobs, 5,316 desire skilled jobs and 1,275 plan clerical and sales occupations.

MacArthur. Civilian employee; eight to four-thirty. Willing to share expenses. Contact Miss Getchman, Ext. 150.

Ride wanted to Los Angeles or vicinity Saturday, Dec. 22. Contact Pearl Norum, WAVE barracks, Ext. 162

## On and Off the Base

### On the Compound . . .

#### AUDITORIUM MOVIES

Sat., Dec. 15—"Home In Indiana," Walter Brennan and Jeanne Craine.

Sun., Dec. 16—"Getting Gertie's Garter," Dennis O'Keefe and Marie McDonald.

Mon., Dec. 17—"Brother Rat," Ronald Reagan and Jane Wyman.

Tues., Dec. 18—"Yolanda and the Thief," Fred Astaire and Lucille Bremer.

Wed., Dec. 19—"People Are Funny," Jack Haley and Helen Walker.

Thurs., Dec. 20—"One Way to Love," Janis Carter and Chester Morris.

Fri., Dec. 21—"They Were Expendable," Robert Montgomery and John Wayne.

Sat., Dec. 22—"Up in Arms," Danny Kaye and Dinah Shore.

#### EVENTS

Mon., Dec. 17—University of California Glee Club at 1400.

### In San Francisco . . .

#### MUSIC AND THEATRE

Geary—"Dear Ruth," comedy.

Curran—"A Night in Havana," musical revue.

Music Hall—"The Drunkard," with refreshments included. Nightly at 8:30 except Monday.

## A Pleasant Point Accumulator



Wedded and still in love with the winsome and serene beauty above—good for ten points—is staff physio expert Thomas Valinoti PhM3c. Their marriage knot secured four years ago, Sylvia and "Val" now boast two small point-counters of their own, Charlene, 3, and Roger, 1, at home in Maspeth, L. I. (Staff and patient husbands are invited to submit pictures of their own wives and daughters to the Oak Leaf for publication.)



# The Sporting Scene

## Cagers Whip Hilltoppers; Lose to Army Medics

Oak Knoll's high-riding Bucketeers, victims of only one defeat this season, on Monday night, December 10, added the Quartermasters of Camp Knight to their growing lists of conquests. The final score was 31-27.

"Adorable" Jones was really hot this evening and chalked up 19 points for the Knollmen, mostly as a result of his excellent play off the boards. Cruse, usually a high scorer for the locals, was off his aim but Schafer more than compensated with his 8 tallies and a bang-up defensive game.

### Hilltoppers Succumb 30-24

Oak Knoll's arch rivals, the Hilltoppers from San Leandro, fell before the locals in a league contest on Friday, December 7, by a 30-24 score. It was a close game all the way, with Schafer and Jones sharing scoring honors with 8 tallies each.

The outstanding defensive play of the evening was contributed by Gilberg, who kept the Hilltoppers bottled up most of the evening.

### Lose to Army 26-24

In a non-league contest, the Army men from Letterman hospital outlasted Oak Knoll 26-24 on Tuesday, December 11. A close tilt all the way, the game saw Oak Knoll's defensive ace, Jack Gilberg, playing opposite his brother, Marve, and holding the doggie to four points.

## Scuttlebutt

Shining in the luster of the Oak Leaf Cluster this week are the firm, impassioned faces of **Charles Grantham** and **Ken Blodgett**, who, while Oak Knoll sleeps, battle chit-wits at their main gate station and do it proficiently and protectively.

Losing no time accepting the Navy's before-Christmas early demobilization gift was **PhM3c Richard W. Kingsford**, Graphic Arts' million-copy mimeograph machine manipulator. Kingsford it was who voluntarily numbered scores of the hospital's official forms to expedite production and simplify delivery. He left for Ogden, Utah, Wednesday.

Also vanishing quickly from the Graphic Arts' artisans through demobilization is famed Sinatra-like scintillator **PhM3c Harold E. Jacobs**. Jacobs is a veteran photographer and has taken some of the best news and portrait pix on the compound. He is also a neat hand at the tricky business of clinical photography. He will join his spouse, **Marge Routson**, a former Oak Knoll Wave, and their new nine-weeks-old bantam edition, **son James**, in Oregon.

## Waves Trim Spars 38-33; Tied for First Place

Victor in a close struggle last week with the San Francisco Spars, Oak Knoll's Wave Cagers are now tied for first place in league play with the Oakland Barracks. The score of the Spar game was 38-33.

Coming back after being on the deficit end of a 17-14 score at the half, our Waves found themselves in the second stanza to surge ahead. High scorers for the Knollwomen were PhM3c Jean Morrison with 16 points and Lt. (jg) Beth Hack with 15. PhM3c Jean Dennison at left forward accounted for 7 points.

Other members of the squad were Lt. (jg) Dorothy McLaughlin, Ens. Katherine Tappen, Ruth Hilborn and Phyllis Bock.

## Life on the Wards

It happened on 61A last week. Everyone was ready for a movie when the projectionist turned up missing. The Red Cross girl cried: "Can anybody here run a movie machine?" And **Harry Thayer** spearheaded the ten-man committee which responded. They set up the machine, rewound the film, and Thayer even did a neat splicing job with a razor blade and acetone. Thus the day and the movie were saved. Hozanna! The big man with the job of tugging and lugging the movie machines from ward to ward this week is husky, blonde **Flip Hensley** of 64A, who is **Donna Henderson's** right hand man.

In 42A they're still talking about the time **Sgt. George Waters** got the wreath. They call him "Colonel" because he comes from North Carolina. He was celebrating his second anniversary at Oak Knoll about the time the city folk were electing people. One good judge sent his six-foot wreath, with a "good luck" banner to the Red Cross, which in turn presented it to the startled Colonel. Pictures were taken right and left, and then the Colonel gave it to a group of Waves who were leaving for Pearl Harbor. So the judge, the Red Cross, the Colonel and the Waves were happy about the whole thing.

He: "Please!"

She: "No!"

He: "Just this once!"

She: "No, I said!"

He: "Aw heck, Ma! All the rest of the kids are going barefoot!"

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Papa Stork: "Well, guess I'll go out and deliver a few baby girls."

Mama Stork: "And I'll go out and deliver some baby boys."

Baby Stork: "Guess I'll just go out and scare hell out of some sailors."

## Off the Bookshelf

How much do you know about nylon except that it comes in the form of stockings and is used in the making of parachutes? You can find out more about this synthetic product, its uses and manufacture in the book *Science Remakes Our World* by James Stokley. Also in this book you will discover many more of the relatively new scientific advances which although probably pretty well known by now, will prove interesting reading.

Plastics, one of the most important products of the era, has been developed tremendously since the war broke out. Many of its uses, including hats and rowboats, are detailed in *Plastics in the World of Tomorrow* by Captain Burr W. Leyson. Two other books in the library on plastics are *Plastic Horizons* by B. H. Weil and *Plastics* by J. H. Dubois.

*This Chemical Age* by Williams Haynes will give you some information on synthetic rubber, sulfanilamides. Also good on these subjects are the *Science Yearbooks of 1944 and 1945*.

Electronics, a fascinating subject at best, is the basis for many of the great electrical devices used today: the electric eye, radar, the Phototube, X-ray, television. *New World of Machines* by Harland Manchester tells all about these "light bulbs with university degrees"—the electronic tubes.

Regarding atoms and atomic energy, although not recent enough to include the atom bomb and its effects, still the material gathered in the following two books is intensely interesting and will show you the many uses for atomic energy: *Atoms in Action* by G. R.

Harrison and *Forward with Science* by R. D. Rusk. This latter book has a very good section on electronics and might possibly be used in conjunction with *New World of Machines*.

*Miracles Ahead* by N. V. Carlisle will give you an idea of the better living in store for us because of all these discoveries.

As for books dealing with the men who laid the ground work so to speak of the great scientific discoveries of today, there are O. E. Dunlap's book *Radio's One Hundred Men of Science* telling of the pathfinders in electronics and television and Bernard Jaffe's book *Men of Science in America*.

## MOIPHY . . .

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Saturday, 22 December, 1945

# Merry Christmas



AS WE CELEBRATE our first peacetime Christmas in five years, it is with sincere joy and eternal hope that we approach the season. Above the aftermath of war's din and strife, surmounting its sorrow and pain, is heard clearly this year the angelic message: "Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the City of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord." ... "And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will toward men.' " May God grant this message of comfort and may lasting peace find its way into every heart.

*Chaplain Charles Dana Chrisman*



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## The Oak Leaf Christmas Cover,

which vividly suggests a snow-covered Oak Knoll, is provided as a touch of Christmas past for homesick Easterners. If it be treason to the eternal sunland of California, then forgive us, for we are sentimentalists.

This stirring rendition is a product of the schooled talents of Photo Graphic Arts Dept. The bird's eye scene was photographed with a Graphic View Studio Camera, employing a wide angle lens, on 4x5 infra-red film with wratten "A" filter; shutter speed, one-tenth of a second, f16.

Infra-red has an uncanny probing sensitivity and is used extensively in medical photography.

### December 25, 1945

Christmas, and we are all at a military hospital.

The incompatibility of "military" and "hospital" and "Christmas" is self-evident. Yet, we cannot deny the discouraging reality of the situation any more than we can deny the heartening miracle of Christmas.

The thoughts of all connected with this hospital who will be away from the station on Christmas Day will turn with a divine humility to the men here who cannot leave their beds. That is the truth. The promptings of the heart will give voice to prayers in their behalf throughout Christmas Day.

Welfare organizations, with the Navy, will arrange programs to cheer these sick men. As much as any sick person away from home on Christmas Day can be cheered, these organizations will accomplish their purpose. The men will be happier.

We shall offer to these men no editorial comment for devotional sustenance. We cannot give them adequate gifts. We can only relate to them, as their papers and radios can, the resplendent joy that lights a child's eye on Christmas morning. We can only repeat second-hand the sight of a mother or wife reunited with a loved one on dramatic Christmas Day.

All of which calls to mind what we can say to these men.

You men who are in this hospital have made our Christmas, and Christmases all over the world, possible. Your heroic fighting once again has brought us physical peace. The knowledge and memory of your deeds assure us the basis of a mental and spiritual peace.

For that, all of us are humbly grateful. Thank you for this peace on earth today.

Good will—to you men.

### Movie Schedule

First Show, 1715; Second Show, 1930

Saturday 22 Dec., Up in Arms, Danny Kaye and Dinah Shore.

Sunday 23 Dec., Frontier Gal, Rod Cameron and Yvonne De Carlo.

Monday 24 Dec., Heavenly Body, Hedy Lamarr and Wm. Powell.

Tuesday 25 Dec., Kitty, Paulette Goddard and Ray Milland.

Wednesday 26 Dec., House of Dracula, Lon Chaney and Lionel Atwill.

Thursday 27 Dec., Out of The Depths, Jim Bannon and Ross Hunter.

Friday 28 Dec., A Letter For Evie, Marsha Hunt and John Carroll.

### Officers Reporting

Cmdr. Robert C. Abrams (MC) USN, Lieut. Paul A. Gieke (HC) USN, Lt. (jg) Joseph P. Duane (HC) USN, Ch. Pharm. Robert A. Allen, USN, Captain William F. Holcomb (MC) USNR, Pharm. Chester J. Dombrowski, USN, Cmdr. Walter R. Taylor (MC) USNR, Ensign Earl F. Hickey (HC) USN, Pharm. Theodore M. Terry, USN, Ensign Clifford E. McClain, D(L) USNR, Captain Harold G. Young (MC) USN, Lt. (jg) David M. Little Jr. (MC) USNR, Lt. (jg) William R. Whitten (HC) USN.

### Officers Detached

Lt. (jg) Samuel C. Iwig Jr. (MC) USNR, Ch. Pharm. William H. Harrison, USN, Pharm. Robert M. Moroney, USN, Lt. (jg) Robert P. Jay Jr. (MC) USNR, Cmdr. W. Maxwell Thomas MC(S) USNR, Lt. (jg) Roland V. Spraker D(L) USNR, Cmdr. Mervyn J. Fuendeling (MC) USNR.

## These Nip Ships Felt Yank Grips On Their Lethal Trips Last Xmas



(Official Navy Photo; SEA)

The last shattered remnants of the ambitious Jap Imperial Fleet lie useless this Christmas in the waters of Kure Bay. Last Christmas it was a different story, as Philippines veterans will attest.

Subs and midget subs are in the foreground; destroyers, destroyer escorts, a net tender and a Jap imitation LST in the background.

## † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

### The Touch of the Master's Hand

'Twas battered and scarred and the auctioneer  
Thought it scarcely worth his while  
To waste much time on the old violin,  
But he held it up with a smile:  
"What am I bidden, good folks?" he cried,  
"Who will start the bidding for me?  
A dollar—a dollar—then two, only two—  
Two dollars, and who'll make it three!  
Three dollars once, three dollars twice,  
Going for three"—but no—  
From the room far back a grey-haired man  
Came forward and picked up the bow.  
Then wiping the dust from the old violin  
And tightening up the loose strings,  
He played a melody, pure and sweet,  
As a caroling angel sings.  
  
The music ceased and the auctioneer,  
In a voice that was quiet and low,  
Said: "What am I bid for the old violin?"  
And he held it up with the bow.  
"A thousand dollars—and who will make it two?  
Who'll start the bidding for me?  
Two thousand once, three thousand twice—  
And going and gone," said he.  
The people cheered but some of them cried,  
"We do not quite understand  
What changed its worth." Swift came the reply,  
"The touch of the Master's hand."  
And many a man with life out of tune  
And battered and sin-scarred within  
Is auctioned cheap to the thoughtless crowd,  
Much like the old violin.  
A "mess of pottage," a glass of wine,  
A game—and he travels on.  
He is going once, he is going twice,  
He is going and almost gone;  
But—the Master comes, and the foolish crowd  
Never can quite understand  
The worth of a soul and the change that is wrought  
By the touch of the Master's hand.

Submitted by CHAPLAIN T. MURDOCK HALE



# 1945 Yule Strictly From Santa

## Victory Christmas Lures A Record Celebration Fare

Climaxing this celebration-marked year of Victory, Oak Knoll's first peacetime Christmas will launch a cruise of gala events designed to make the 1945 Yuletide the most enjoyable and memorable of all Yuletides-in-service for patients here.

Welfare and Recreation, cooperating with Red Cross, the Chaplain's office and the Veteran Hospitals' Committee, have planned entertainments, parties and favors for the two-day celebration topped off with a Christmas dinner that will eclipse the cuisine of the Bay Area's finest restaurants.

### Ward Decoration Competition

One of the highlights of Christmas Eve festivities is the ward decorations contest, with a prize going to the ward with the most original and artistic adornments. Decorations material is furnished by the Veteran Hospitals' Committee. Each ward will be allotted a Christmas tree and an equal amount of decorative furnishings. Representatives from all departments will judge the ward decorations contest.

The grounds are also being treated to a holiday beauty special and every bit of space that lends itself to adornment is being covered with attractive and colorful Christmas embellishments.

### Claus, Santa, Expected Aboard

A children's party for youngsters of all hands will be held in the auditorium at 1400 on the 24th. A crowd of about 200, including parents, is expected. Festivities there will be under the jovial direction of a popular Yuletide figure answering to the name of Claus, Santa, late and serial number unknown. This Claus will be garbed in a red fur-trimmed suit, his traditional uniform of the day, and will be easily recognized by a rather red nose and face, almost completely surrounded by white whiskers.

The kiddies will be entertained by a program of skits supplied by the Veterans' Committee.

### Dances, Parties Christmas Eve

A dance for all hands will be held in the auditorium at 1800 Christmas Eve with the prominent East Bay dance band of Jack Seltenrich aboard. It will be in the nature of an open house: entertainment and refreshments for all.

Following the hop, parties are planned for each separate division of the staff in the respective quarters. Corpsmen will have a celebration in each barracks as will the Waves. Nurses will employ their rumpus rooms for the traditional

## Only One More Shopping Day Till—?



That's right, just one more day to get that present.

No chow line, mail line or pay line has anything on Ship's Service crowds of the past few days. Heaviest spending has been for items that were scarce last year—radios, blankets and pens. Local Santas have found the answer to most gift problems right here on the compound.

Angel of Mercy wing-ding. Donuts and cider, etc., will be supplied through Welfare and Recreation.

Meanwhile, on the wards, a large Christmas Party will be sponsored by the Red Cross Gray Ladies, their husbands and junior hostesses. These parties will feature games, refreshments and events (???) to entertain everyone. Gifts containing cigarettes, candy and surprises will be distributed. Following this, there will be singing, card playing, corn popping and a Santa Claus contest in which various patients will don costume to see who can portray the most convincing Santa. This activity is in charge of Misses Heath and Bestor of the Red Cross recreational department.

### Serenading and Church Services

Groups of carol singers will cover the compound, singing Christmas songs outside each Ward. Chaplain Joseph A. Talley has recruited about 200 choristers from Bay Area churches for the occasion.

On Christmas Day, church services will mark the beginning of the daylight holiday. The big parties in the chow halls will begin at 1130. There will be an orchestra in each of the large mess halls as well as acts of professional entertainment. Jack Seltenrich will lead the list of headline Bay Area bands that will play. The dinner hour parties will last until 1300.

### Chow Will Establish A Record

Lt. Cmdr. F. O. Ball, Commissary Officer, has prepared a menu that promises to eclipse everything that has graced our boards before.

## Bluejackets' Haven Plans Open House

Sailors, Marines and Coast Guardsmen spending their Christmas holidays in this area will find a welcome at the Bluejackets' Haven, 2703 Telegraph Avenue.

The Oakland Navy Mothers Club will hold "Open House" from Christmas Eve through New Year's Day, with a Christmas tree and gifts for all on Christmas Eve. Holiday food will be served buffet style. Guests will be invited to help themselves and let their tastes and capacities be their only guides.

Piece de resistance of the meal will be roast turkey surrounded by everything from nuts to soup and back to nuts again. Such delicacies as shrimp cocktail, avocado salad, boiled ham, cranberry sauce, mince pie, fruit cake and cigarettes will be included.

Ward shows have been scheduled for the afternoon and will feature the bands that played at the mess halls and sixty professional stage acts. This, too, is being handled by the Veterans' Committee.

Lt. (jg) Dorothy L. McLaughlin, Welfare and Recreation Officer, is coordinating Christmas activities on the compound. Mr. Edwin Meese of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee is in charge of entertainment, with Mr. Elmer Zollmer handling decorations. Programs of events will be issued by the Public Information Office under Lt. Mary M. Sherrill.

## Gold Braid Dance New Year's Eve A Social Tradition

Officers and their ladies will dance to the gold-braid strains of Roy Hackett's music at the Club on New Year's Eve. The annual climax ball will also feature a midnight repast and a "baby watch." The party will begin at 2100 and last well in to the new year.

Cmdr. Leon Rosove is chairman of arrangements of the affair.

Ens. Betty Ross is guardian of the "baby watch." Guests desiring to check their siblings during the evening should contact her at Ext. 121 for reservations by December 28, giving names and ages of children. Miss Ross and Ens. Kay Tappan are WAVE hostesses.

Nurse hostesses are Lt. R. E. B. Todd and Lt. M. A. O'Shea.

Medico hosts are Cmdr. Stuart Runkle and Lt. Cmdr. Gene Hanavan. Cmdr. William Walston is official Dental Dept. greeter.

## Oak Knollers Invited To Public Carol Sing

Oak Knollers are cordially invited to attend a Community Christmas Carol Sing at the Civic Auditorium, San Francisco, between the hours of 1500 and 1700 tomorrow. The Sing is sponsored jointly by the Salvation Army and the San Francisco Examiner.

A large number of outstanding musical groups and individual musicians will participate in the program, but the major portion of the time will be given over to community singing under the leadership of Arthur W. Brewer, one of the finest song leaders in the Bay Area. Accompaniment for the singing will be provided by the United Salvation Army bands of the Bay Area and by artists playing the magnificent pipe organ in the auditorium.

Tickets are not required for admission. There is no charge.

## Pot Luck at Port-O-Call

The Port-O-Call service men's center, Sixty-first St. and MacArthur Blvd., plans a special Christmas night party that will get under way at 1930 and last till midnight, or thereabouts.

Patron of the event will be Santa himself. Around the Christmas fire he will distribute gifts and favors to guests. And there will be plenty of f-o-o-d for all hands.

Oak Knollers wishing to attend this party should take a main gate bus to Seminary and MacArthur, transferring at MacArthur and journeying to Sixty-first.

Port-O-Call is open every night in the week except Monday.



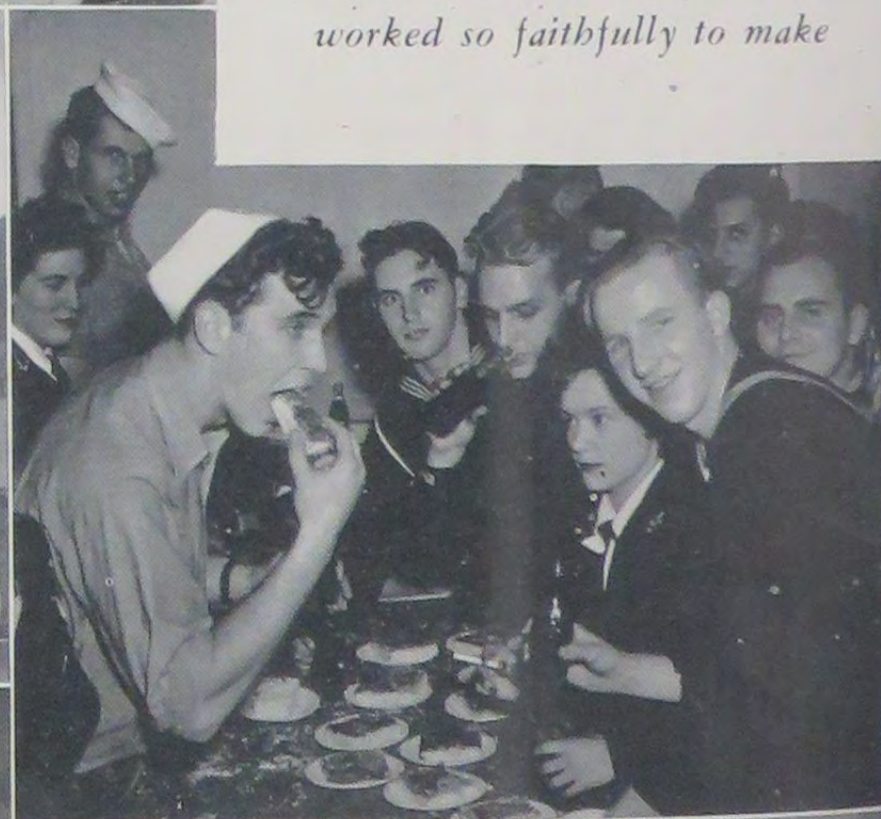


## Season's Greetings from

*At this peacetime Christmas season may I extend to each of you on our station my wholehearted and sincere greetings. I genuinely hope that the coming year will fulfill your personal plans for future success and happiness.*

*And to the Veteran Hospital's Christmas Committee and their able assistants, who have worked so faithfully to make*

CAPTAIN R. M.  
Medicine







## Commanding Officer

*our holiday season enjoyable,  
we extend our sincere thanks.*

*It is with deep appreciation  
that we say "Well Done" to  
the many organizations and  
friends of the hospital here in  
the Bay Area, whose splendid  
cooperation and generosity  
have been of great benefit to  
our patients and staff.*

*Again, our wish: May you  
all have a joyous Christmas  
and a prosperous New Year.*



MC) USN  
and



## Our Doctor

Our doctor this week is no M. D., although the professional skill and responsibility her job implies might well make her a medical officer ex officio. She is Lt. Cmdr. Sophia Deaterla (NC) USN, Chief Nurse of the hospital, who has come to us with a wealth of experience and travel in the Navy.



**Lt. Cmdr. Sophia Deaterla  
(NC) USN**

Graduated from Mt. Carmel Hospital School of Nursing at Columbus, Ohio, in 1917, Miss Deaterla joined the Navy Nurse Corps in November of 1918. Her first duty station was the U. S. Naval Hospital, Charleston, South Carolina. After serving at many east coast hospitals, including Philadelphia, Washington, D. C., and Brooklyn, Miss Deaterla went to the Naval Hospital at St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, in 1927 for an 18-month tour of duty. In 1934, aboard the transport, USS Chaumont, she cruised the Pacific, visited China and then returned to San Diego for duty.

After a tour of duty ashore, Miss Deaterla found herself headed for the Pacific again. This time she served at Guam and later at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Canacao, Philippine Islands. Returning to the States in 1940, by way of China, Miss Deaterla had firsthand knowledge of Naval activities in the Pacific prior to Pearl Harbor.

When the need for a capable commander of nurses in the Southwest Pacific became evident, our present chief nurse was selected for the post. Based at Fleet Hospital No. 105 in New Caledonia, she proficiently administered and directed the duties of the Navy Nurses in various hospitals in the near-combat area. During this time a great many patients evacuated from the forward areas were the casualties of Guam, Saipan and Okinawa.

She returned to the mainland last October and spent a well-earned leave with her sister and family in Newport News, Va. The main attraction there being her nine-months-old grandniece, Jo-Anne Fulton.

Our chief nurse's favorite sports are football and horseracing. And in her spare moments the brown-

## Welcome Aboard, Mates!

Twenty-five "Docs" began their Navy Hospital Corps careers this week when they reported here for duty from the U. S. Naval Hospital Corps School, San Diego.

Welcome aboard to the following: Fred Armstrong, Robert Bradley, Richard Caisse, Arthur Durbin, Jr., Harold Emmons, Robert Faucett, Harold Gillis, Dean Hailstone, Owen Harwood, Henry Huggins, Gerald Lockhart, Richard Long, Jack McKee, Norman Norring, Charles Reiter, W. C. Robertson, George Schoonover, Henry Sepulveda, Jack Setzer, Richard Shepard, Thomas Snashall, James Sparks, George Stevens, Frank Stockwell, Terry Swaim.

Lt. (jg) JOSEPH A. CONLOW,  
Staff Personnel Officer.

A sailor, wanting leave, told his captain a sad story about his sick wife longing for him. The captain doubted this and said:

"I'm afraid you're not being honest with me. I've just received a letter from your wife urging me not to let you come home because you get drunk, tear up the furniture and treat her shamefully."

The sailor saluted, started out, stopped and said:

"Sir, may I speak to you man to man?"

The captain nodded.

"We're the two biggest liars on earth. I ain't even married."

eyed nurse admits the fondness for a snappy bridge game.

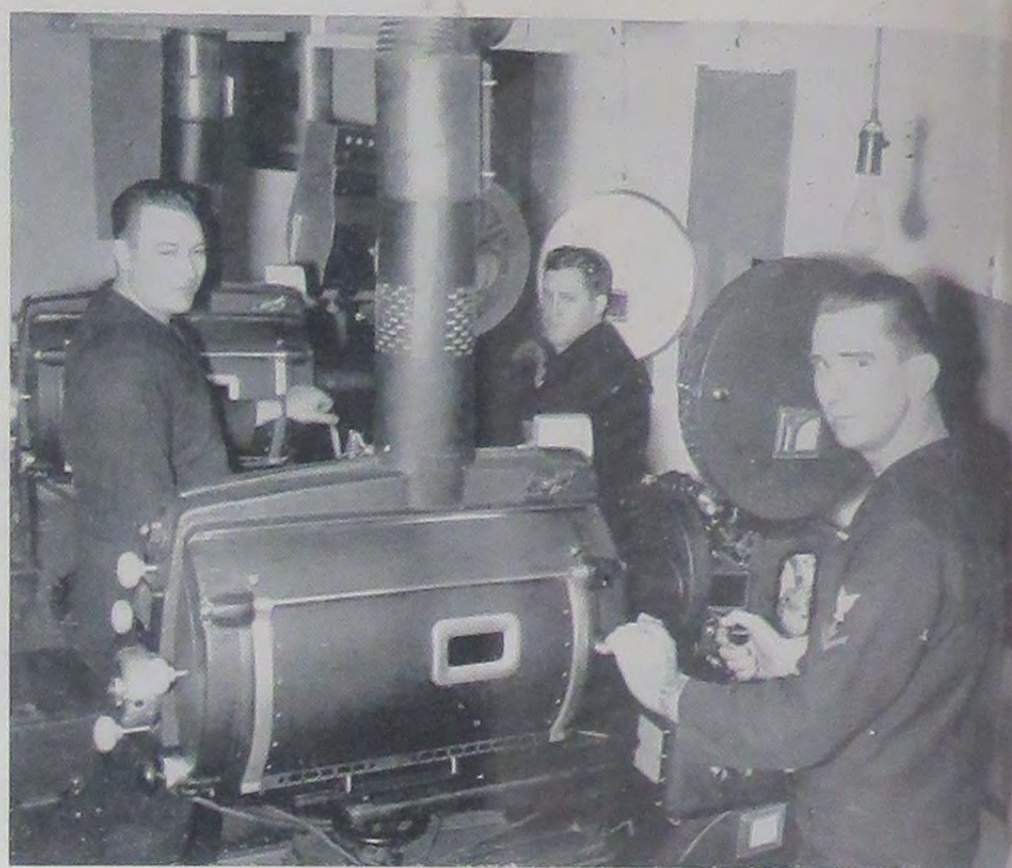
Our good wishes and sincere appreciation are extended to Lt. Cmdr. Sophia Deaterla as she efficiently carries out her responsible position at Oak Knoll as Chief Nurse.



Through telephone and radio, the "unseen" control lights, curtains and sound. Doing this to the satisfaction of a capacity crowd requires a thorough stage knowledge and an alert sense of timing.

At the phone above is Ace Peting PhM2c. Next to him, hands on the rheostat, is Dud Payne HA2c. Catching the spotter's comment via radio are Welfare and Recreation Officers Lt. (jg) Beth N. Hack and Ens. Andrew Gavron.

## These "Unseen" Are Faithful Eyes and Ears of Oak Knoll



The audience never sees them, but they always see the audience. These men are the technically-trained operators of Oak Knoll's movies. Three of the five projectionists are shown above. They are (left to right) Walt Lindsey HA1c, Robert Soister PhM1c and Brig Young PhM3c.

Behind the scenes of Oak Knoll's movies and stage shows are five talented young men who hold the vital responsibility of keeping the show "on" when the lights dim, the action starts, and the camera begins rolling.

They are Dud Payne HA2c, Walt Lindsey HA1c, Brig Young PhM3c, Robert Soister PhM1c and Ace Peting PhM2c. They are the men, neither sung nor seen, who operate the complicated and expensive motion picture machinery in the projection booth at Ship's Service, as well as the equipment for the nightly movie showings at the Officers' Club. They are the men who handle the sensitive sound equipment in the auditorium and who manipulate the scores of electrical

switches on the complicated rheostat backstage for visiting vaudeville shows.

All are graduates of the Navy's Sound Motion Picture Technician's School. This means that, after a ten-week course, they are fully competent to operate projection equipment of any type, anywhere the Navy sends them. In each projection booth are two machines trained on the screen. One is in operation while the other holds the "ready" reel. When one reel is finished, these men switch on the "ready" machine, a new reel begins and the change is accomplished so smoothly there is not the slightest break in the continuity of the film. When a film tears, the men are ready to splice the ends together quickly and keep the show moving. Few films here have to be spliced during a showing because the men carefully inspect the hundreds of yards of celluloid before they show it to an audience. Such inspections require carefully trained craftsmanship but Oak Knoll's uninterrupted movie showings are testimony to their talents.

Backstage they move the scenery, operate the curtains and adjust the lights for onstage performers. At their stations at the wings, they are in constant communication with the projection booth. Through radio and telephone, directions are given back and forth which result in a more artistic and emphatic blending of the multi-colored lights.

Incidentally, the men also handle the "sound" for citation ceremonies, Ship Service announcements and the occasional Saturday morning drill period happy-hours.



Wed At Oak Knoll



This Marine member of the Security Guard is now sea-going on the ship of matrimony.

Skipper of the cruise for Pfc. Darwood Dickinson is his new bride, the former Grace Bell Cook of Oakland. The couple were recently married in the Chapel by Chaplain J. A. Talley.

Two New Civvies Seen Among The Bookstalls

Miss Catherine Baker, chief librarian of Oak-Knoll's bee-busy lending library, announces the appointment of two new civilian librarians to her staff.

They are Miss Margaret Snowden and Miss Mary Louise Gilchrist. Both were transferred here from the San Diego Naval Training Center.

Yuletide Divine Services

Following is the special holiday schedule of religious services offered to patients, staff and guests of Oak Knoll. This season, for the first time, holiday services will be conducted in the hospital's spacious new chapel.

DIVINE SERVICES

CATHOLIC		PROTESTANT	
0630	Mass	Christmas Sunday	Worship Service 1000
0830	Mass	23 December	Communion .... 1100
1130	Mass		Service ..... 1930
2400	High Mass; Christmas Carols	Christmas Eve	Candlelight
		24 December	Communion
			Service ..... 2200
0630	Mass	Christmas Day	Worship Service 1000
0830	Mass		Communion .... 1100
			Vespers ..... 1930
		New Year's Eve	Watch Service .. 2330
		31 December	
0630	Mass	New Year's Day	
0830	High Mass; Christmas Carols		
1130	Mass		

Navy Mothers Elect Officers

Officers of the Oakland Navy Mothers Club for 1946, elected this month, who will be installed in January, are as follows: Commander, Clytie Serley; First Vice Commander, Gladys Headding; Second Vice Commander, Alice Pinson; Adjutant, Elsie Spamer; Assistant Adjutant, Kathleen Cunningham; Finance Officer, Gladys Bobbitt; Chaplain, Marian Jones; Judge Advocate, Ida Clark; Matrons at Arms, Elsie Block and Margaret Ingham; Color Bearers, Inez Peterson and Gordon Coles.

The members of the Oakland Navy Mothers Club will have a Christmas party at their meeting on December 26th, at 8 p.m., in the Madison Street Temple. There will be a Santa Claus, with funny gifts for all, and a program by the officers of the Club.

A Pleasant Point Accumulator



This lovely little blonde mlle., five-year-old Linda Lorene Hall, and her mother, Mrs. Lorene Hall, prove seven years of marital bliss and ten critical points for Frank E. Hall HAlc, staff corpsman assigned to the Provost Marshal's office.

But Frank is going to have to be satisfied with pictures only for a while, unless it suddenly starts raining points. In which case, with a bucket, he can get out pronto.

Over-The-Holiday Book Suggestions

New books in the Hospital Library include the following:

Battle Below—Submarine Warfare

Casey: *Battle Below*. (U. S. submarine warfare during the first two years of the war.)

Frank: *USS Seawolf*. (An account of the operations of the Seawolf in the Pacific, based on the experiences of its chief radioman.)

Ingham: *Rendezvous by Submarine*. (Story of a guerrilla leader in the Philippines brought there by submarine.)

Sports

Devine: *Down the Hatch*. (Yachting yarns.)

Graham: *The Brooklyn Dodgers*.

Science

Kiver: *U H F Radio Simplified*.

Samuels: *Power Unleashed*. (The story of electricity and power.)

Short Stories

Cerf: *Modern American Short Stories*.

Edmunds: *Red, White and Black*. (Southern stories.)

Americana

Davis: *The Shenandoah*. (Rivers of America series.)

White: *Texas*.

Westerns

Brand: *The Stolen Stallion*.

Ermine: *War on the Saddle Rock*.

Fox: *Silent in the Saddle*.

Hankins: *Ace-in-the-Hole Hag-garty*.

Layton: *Forest Ranger*.

Mysteries

Cheyney: *Sinister Errand*.

Lariar: *The Girl with the Fright-ened Eyes*.

Hale: *Midsummer Nightmare*.

Vickers: *Four Past Four*.

Horror and Mystery Stories

Cunningham: *Murder Before Midnight*.

Lovecraft: *Best Supernatural Stories*.

Miller: *Focus*.

Rhode: *Shadow of a Crime*.

Biographies

James: *The Cherokee Strip*. (Stories of the author's boyhood in Oklahoma.)

Long: *Square Sails and Spice Islands*. (The story of Matthew and Oliver Perry.)

Wanted: A consultant to advise the Library on tropical fish, and to identify survivors of the rigors of our aquarium.

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## Scuttlebutt

Around the *Oak Leaf* office, when we're in it, we don't say much. The place is usually pretty quiet. Lean and talented young men sit silently behind desks and drawing boards, reading a little, writing or drawing a little, auditing their point scores and occasionally munching hormone bars.

Into such a scene of pastoral calm, into such surroundings of sweet and lethargic labor last week, exploded a hashmark, a crow, two red chevrons and Jack Huddleston.

Spoke he: "A bunch of us in the Ad Building (OUR building, incidentally) are giving a party at Havenscourt American Legion Hall. Would you like to come?"

We subtly masked our exclamation with the cautious language typical of editors and replied, "Ah."

But, we thought, isn't the peregrinating Huddleston safely secured in the MAA's shack? What's he doing in the Ad Building?

Anticipating our thoughts, he volunteered, "I'm a Patient Personnel man now." This, with pride, mind you.

Then Oak Knoll's Elsa Maxwell flashed the guest list, which looked like a muster of the 12th Naval District. "Sign it," he suggested.

"Sure, why not?" was our reply, although we secretly thought that Huddleston as host was decidedly miscast. But sign up, we did.

Came Friday night, came the party—to our surprise.

Bottles, bottles everywhere but not a drop to drink, for nearly ten seconds after the affray started.

Music was provided by a hashmarked Wurlitzer nickelodeon. While the heavyweights were in the kitchen comparing vintages and vignettes, the dancing was carried on by such worthy socialites as Frank Rousseau, Charles Wheatley, Chief Swarthout, Jimmy Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeFussi, Mary Simmons, Donald Micue, Hazel Wells, R. O. Plumhoff, Max Crist, Marge Catland, Anton Lonek, Chief and Mrs. Melton, Mary Clarke, Mary Ireland, Veronica Resh, Lois Christenson, Alice Santos, Verana Doering, Vicki Parris, Frank Bak, Larry Shipp, George Mitchel, Frances Lecocq, Kay Montandon, Bob Armbruster, Cliff Harper, Vic Rizk and Joyce Hartley.

Mr. Huddleston, for your noble party-giving efforts, one bright new Oak Leaf Cluster. We're with you. You can detonate in our office any time on one of these deals.

And you can borrow one of our hormone bars any time you want to, too, afterwards. Our staff has already acquired a tolerance for them, thanks to your party.

Old Chief: Do you know what they call corpsmen who don't believe in birth control?

HA2c: No.

Chief: Daddy!

## Holiday Activities

Here is Oak Knoll's fourteen-point Christmas program of feature events:

1. Colored Staff, Patients and Employees Party and Dance . . . . . 22 Dec. 2030-2400 Auditorium
2. Judging of Ward Decorations . . . . . 24 Dec. 1000-1200 Wards
3. Children's Party—Children of All Hands . . . . . 24 Dec. 1400-1600 Auditorium
4. Dance and Open House—All Hands . . . . . 24 Dec. 1800-2200 Auditorium
5. Ward Parties—Patients and Ward Staff . . . . . 24 Dec. 1900- Auditorium
6. Caroling Outside Wards . . . . . 24 Dec. 2100-2300 Wards
7. Corpsmen Barracks Parties . . . . . 24 Dec. 2200-2400 All Barracks
8. Wave Barracks Parties . . . . . 24 Dec. 2200-2400 Barracks
9. Nurse Quarters Parties . . . . . 24 Dec. 2200-2400 Rumpus Rm. Bldg. No. 29 Mess Halls
10. Mess Hall Parties and Shows for All Hands . . . . . 25 Dec. 1130- Mess Halls
11. Ward Shows . . . . . 25 Dec. 1300-1600 Wards
12. Captain and Mrs. Dearing's Party—All Officers . . . . . 30 Dec. 1730- Officers' Club
13. New Year's Eve Party—Officers . . . . . 31 Dec. 2030-0100 Officers' Club
14. New Year's Eve Party—Enlisted Personnel . . . . . 31 Dec. 2030-0100 Auditorium

## To buy..sell..rent..

**NOTICE:** "The Oak Leaf" does not accept paid advertising. The following items are printed as a free service for the hospital's patients and staff. Deposit items in "The Oak Leaf" contribution box in the lobby of Ship's Service. Incidentally, it is NOT a mail box.

## Lost . . .

Pair of pink shell-rimmed glasses by hitch-hiking sailor on MacArthur Blvd. Car driven by sailor who had just brought six-year-old son to Out Patient Clinic here. If found, please contact the *Oak Leaf*, Ext. 230.

Watch; shockproof, water proof, anti-magnetic (wrist model). Steel case and black dial. Contact G. A. Danforth HA1c, Ward 51B. Reward.

## Personals . . .

Driving to Los Angeles Dec. 26. Can take two or three. Call TRinidad 0441 after seven p.m. or Saturday and Sunday.

## Wanted . . .

Wanted: Three riders to Michigan. Leave about Dec. 27. Share driving and expenses. Contact Chief Jaffee, CPO's quarters, 26A, or leave note there.

## For Rent . . .

For Rent: Room for couple, 4506 Tulip Ave. Kitchen and laundry privileges. 1½ blocks from MacArthur Blvd., on High St. \$40.00 a month. Call AN. 5111.

The maid treated her pharmacist boy friend just like dirt. She hid him under the bed.

## SPORTS...

Leading this week's list of Oak Knoll Sporting recap is the men's cage tourney with the corpsmen dropping two games, one league contest with Treasure Island and a bush fracas with the Shell Oilers. The Treasure Island battle was fought on Thursday, December 13, with Jones copping the high score honors. One injury was sustained by the Cagers. Lather was taken to the hospital and will be out of the lineup for some time.

On the female side of the basket-

ball fence, we see the WAVES taking a well played game away from the Hunters Point squad. The final score of 34 to 17 was well contributed to by Oak Knoller Jean Morrison. The nurses were walloped by the Camp Parks girls to the tune of 29 to 13. In the WAVES league, the hospital is tied for the lead with the Oakland Barracks.

The Bowling leagues have now encompassed the fair sex, with three teams now in their fourth week of parlay. The Red Cross Alley Busters lead the fight with a grand total in the third week of 2504. Hendy of the Alley Busters is high point holder with 441. Also competing are the Thunderbolts, Atomics and Zombies, all-nurse teams.

## MOIPHY...

By Penberthy



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...AND BEST WISHES FROM  
"MOOPHY" and  
THE OAK LEAF Staff.

## Navy's Santa Opened Bagful of Fun For Oak Knoll's Victory Christmas

From the gay, gala, ga-la-la parties on wards, in departments and in quarters, to the reverent services in the chapel—1945 Christmas festivities here furnished the most heartening away-from-home celebration divinely or humanly attainable.

Whether you write 'em or read 'em—it was one for the books!

Bay Area's and Oak Knoll's welfare, recreation and service groups, professional and volunteer, went all out to assure patients and staff the merriest holiday possible

and in so doing earned a Navy "E" for enjoyable, enterprising entertainment. The efforts of these groups were received with the enthusiastic smiles and grateful eyes that traditionally accompany a job well done.

Oak Knollers of all stations are uninhibited in their praise for the work of the Veteran Hospitals' Committee, the Red Cross, the Welfare and Recreation Department, the commissary and scores of other groups who made this Victory Christmas a complete success.

Next year, when most here are returned to homeside hearths above which will hang pairs of non-GI stockings, we shall remember with enthusiasm:

The first signs of traditional Yuletide gaiety, the decorations which first appeared in wards and buildings on the compound grounds.

The good-natured sportsmanship of the ward decorations contest and the unusual artistry of all participants.

The sounds of heart-thrill-

(Continued on page 3)

## Wards 71A, 40A Best Decorated In Yule Contest

Brilliant Ward 71A has been crowned champion of the compound in this year's Christmas contest, which the weary judges state was near-impossible to decide because of the closeness and unusual merit of all competition.

With one foot in the winner's circle is Ward 51B, who won the place position, and fast on their heels in third place, Ward 78B.

Winner of the separately judged S.O.Q. rivalry is two-time leader, Ward 40A.

Now that the word on the winners is out, crowds are climbing the hill to Ward 71A to marvel at the inspiring traditional art that created the Nativity scenes and the adroit workmanship that converted the nurse's station into a "Holiday Inn."

As champions, each patient of Ward 71A will receive a picture of their prize-winning ward in Christmas attire.

Attracting particular attention among the runnersup are Ward 51B's Yule Tree and Christmas card bed tag decorations; Ward 78B's fireplace; Ward 54's tree, snow man and wall adornments; Ward 62B's sky effect, a result of painstaking labors, and Ward 43A's Santa Claus faces.

Judges were pleasantly amazed at the apt manner in which patients had employed cotton for stars and snow, bandages for streamers, and tongue depressors for picket fences on many of the wards.

Judging was based on a 100-point critical score, with maximum allowances of 15 points for tree site, 20 points for added touch to the Christmas tree, 25 points for originality and execution of seasonal touches using ward material, 20 points for window trimming and 20 points for wall decorating.

The final decisions were the result of deliberations by a committee consisting of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Lewis, Miss Marie Adams, Mrs. Harold Hirshland, Chaplain Joseph Talley and Ens. Betty Ross.

The Red Cross handled the distribution of decorations, which were the gift of the Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee.

## Enlisted Hands Set To Salute 1946 at Compound Party

Enlisted hands spending New Year's Eve aboard the holiday ship, S. S. Oak Knoll, will have the opportunity to herald the arrival of 1946 at a spreeful dance and party in the auditorium.

The Oak Knoll playpalace will be decked out in traditional night club style, meaning a storm of confetti streamers and balloons. Squeakers — poppers — whistles — horns — sirens and all other nondescript noisemakers will be on hand (and in mouth) to help announce the climatic entrance of the new year.

The Veteran Hospitals' Christmas Committee is providing an orchestra from the Bay Area headliners and refreshments are furnished, courtesy of the Welfare and Recreation Dept.

## Semaphore Quiz For The Holidays



(Official Navy Photo; SEA)

Any signalman striker knows the Word on the picture above.

A Christmas tree flown from the foremast means that Seaman Claus, Santa, is aboard, having come alongside in his LCR (Landing Craft, Reindeer).

### New Year's Eve Program

Here is the wind-up schedule of Oak Knoll's holiday season:

Capt. and Mrs. Dearing's Party—All Officers and Nurses, 30 December. 1730, Officers' Club.

New Year's Eve Party—Officers, 31 December. 2030, Officers' Club.

New Year's Eve Party—All Enlisted Hands, 31 December. 2030, Auditorium.



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## • New Year's Day Thought

No resolutions this New Year's. None at all. Not even going to vow to taper off cigarettes or cut down on cocktails. Been making those silly promises to myself for years. As a result, smoke more than when I was seventeen, and spend more on hooch than clothes. Nope, no personal-habit promises for me for 1946.

Tell you what I am going to undertake though. I'm going to start reading the Bible and reading it persistently—not regularly, but persistently. I'm going to read it and, at the same time, *read into it* practicable, current applications of its gospel. I'm going to enjoy the mental workout it'll give me, too; and I'm going to like the cultural benefits I'll gain from its rich literature. Educationally, it'll be more than worthwhile, I think.

I'm not going to take on more than I think I can handle. I'm not going to try and read it from cover to cover over a specified, pre-arranged time. I'm just going to tackle as much as I think I can absorb. And if I have to re-read and re-read before it sinks in, well, I'll do that, too.

Tell you why I'm going to do this.

In a little over the two decades of my lifetime I've seen some masterful writings suffer the loss of world value and esteem. I've heard the cynics and the modernists say that the Magna Carta, our Constitution, the Gettysburg Address and the Atlantic Charter are stale and not applicable to the post war tempo.

Yet no one has been impudent enough, even if it be honest impudence, to suggest atomizing the Bible.

It could be, you know, that the hope of world peace may not be in the hands of treaty makers and geopolitical statesmen after all. The hope of peace, now that the unholy powderfire is clearing, may be as much in education and in truth as in threatening armies. Peace may belong to the religious, not the Godless, and to all the humble, instead of the mechanized, rocketized arrogant.

Now don't get me wrong, I don't want to see this nation lose its influence for right by issuing Bibles instead of olive drab to youngsters tomorrow, but we could issue *both* simultaneously.

Sort of think that if I and the guys across the oceans love God and fear Him together, we'd be less likely to push buttons and thus powder one another.

Sort of think that if we all went to school, any free school, we'd lose no time settling our difficulties through discussion and experiment, 'cause that's the harmless way and the only way things are done in school.

Sort of think that through a sharing of God's teachings we might even be able to influence the high mogul-moguls that are supposed to cause all these wars that get us low mogul-moguls bumped off.

A weakness of humility before God might be a greater force for peace than a strength of atomic haughtiness.

People are too used to fighting for a cause, and maybe through the Bible and Christ they can learn not to fight for a cause that's an ungodly one.

At least that's my story, and I got the idea from the Bible.

## GI Sardines Stream For Golden Gate



(Official Navy Photo; SEA)

The Navy's famed logistics system is now running in reverse, bringing men back from the Pacific to the States. Fighting ships are pressed into transport service, as this shot of sack-time on the hangar deck of the carrier SALAMUA illustrates.

### † † CHAPLAIN'S CORNER † †

#### "The Challenge to the Christian in 1946"

As New Year's Day approaches, the words of the Apostle Paul are most appropriate: "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

When we survey 1945 in retrospect, there are many things it behooves us to forget. For some the failures and disappointments of life have been so intense that these emotions have almost overwhelmed the individual. To others success has been so brilliant that men are frequently blind to their own insignificance and their own shortcomings. Sorrows in some cases have so completely engulfed the human heart that it is crushed with grief, while in other instances frivolity has dimmed the perception of the beautiful side of life. Men have frequently, in 1945, forgotten to thank their Creator for his bountiful Providence and Mercy. Instead, men have "changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, Who is blessed forever."

Pressing forward in 1946, we have a rich prize to attain—"our high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Let us prayerfully and reverently enter upon the new year, solemnly determining in our hearts "to run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" for strength and grace in time of need. May we make every moment count to the glory of God and to the edification of our fellowman.

CHAPLAIN CHARLES DANA CHRISMAN

## New Year's Divine Services

Following is the final program of special holiday religious services offered patients, staff and guests of the hospital. These are the first New Year's rites to be held in the New Chapel:

CATHOLIC			PROTESTANT	
			New Year's Eve	
1630	..... Mass	31 December Monday	Watch Service	2330
			New Year's Day	
0630	..... Mass	1 January Tuesday	Worship Service	1000
0830	..... High Mass; Christmas Carols		Communion	1100
1130	..... Mass		Vespers	1930



# Decoration Champs 'At Home' on Winning Wards



Pictured before a background of their painstaking, artistic adornments are the victors of this year's highly competitive Christmas decorations contest (enlisted men's section), the patients and staff of Ward 71A. Scores of hospital guests have visited this ward during the past week. All admit unrestrained praise for the impressive spiritual and festive themes which the ward's decor so successfully captures.



Winning the Christmas decorations contest (officer's section) is now an established tradition with Ward 40A who were champions last year, too. In their "It-was-tough-work-Mom-but-I-made-it" view above, can be seen some of the colorful and unique features that distinguished the ward's decorative scheme. All wards were issued an equal amount of materials for the contest. Ingenuity, hard work decided the winners.

## Bagful of Fun Here At Victory Christmas

(Continued from page 1)

ing hymns over the station's speaker system.

The individual department gatherings at the Dental Clinic, Central Supply, Surgery One, the Survey Office, the Laundry and ad infinitum. And the local Santa Clauses in attendance.

The youngster's party in the auditorium. (Weren't we all youngsters this year?)

The wonderful personal feeling of the Red Cross ward parties.

The all-gal band at the Christmas Eve party.

The cheering that accompanied the carolers outside the wards on Christmas Eve.

The devout and grateful, joyful and inspired faces of the throng at all church services.

The Christmas dinner (too big for one chow line; you had to go around twice). The thrill of the bands and singers and entertainers that accompanied this dinner. Remember how the commissary employees were jitterbugging in the aisles? Really a metropolitan hotel atmosphere combined with a touch of your favorite night club; in other words, just right!

Last year the season could have gone by any other name, but this year it had to be CHRISTMAS—and it was!

## New Year's Message from the Commanding Officer

While hostilities have ceased, there are still many problems left for the armed services of this country, not the least of which is the preservation of world peace. In this task, the interests and efforts of all personnel who will shortly leave the service are particularly important. It is appropriate that the beginning of this new year be marked not only by celebration but by grateful prayer.

The men and women whose service in this last war has helped to attain the present peace must be forever mindful of the sacrifices they have shared. You are America; you share her responsibilities as well as her privileges. World War II has made you as much a part of America's historic tradition as the Colonists of '76 whose efforts won our first peace. That original peace was challenged again and again because its winners were not unceasingly vigilant. Therefore, it is my hope that you enter this year with a sense of patriotic vigilance, determined that—as tomorrow's leading citizens—you will all be steadfastly alert to your nation's destiny as a maintainer of peace.

To all members of the hospital's population—to all patients and staff members—my hearty and personal "Well Done" for your successful efforts in the nation's behalf. To all of you again go my wishes and thoughts for a pleasant, prosperous new year.

CAPTAIN A. H. DEARING (MC) USN,  
Medical Officer in Command.

## Divine Services

**Protestant:**  
Chaplains—C. D. Chrisman, A. T. L. Armstrong, J. A. Talley.  
Sunday—  
Morning Service ..... 1000  
Communion Service ..... 1100  
Evening Vespers ..... 1930  
Weekday—  
Morning Devotions ..... 0730  
Vesper Service ..... 1600  
Bible Study (Thursday in Chapel)—1800.  
Choir—Tuesday & Thursday, 1400-1500.  
**Catholic:**  
Chaplains—L. A. Kelly, R. F. Redman.  
Sunday Mass—0630, 0830, 1130.  
Weekday Mass—0630 and 1630.  
Confessions before all Masses.  
Novena and Benediction, 1830 Tuesday.

**L. D. S. (Mormon):**  
Services 1930 Thursday.

**Jewish:**  
Divine Service—2000 Friday.  
The Field Representative of the National Jewish Welfare Board, Hospital Service Dept., is in attendance on the hospital compound on Tuesdays and Fridays from 1000 to 1600. He has office hours at the reception office of the chapel from 1500 to 1600 and from 1900 to 2000 on Fridays.

**Christian Science:**  
Wartime minister will be at the reception office in the Chapel every Tuesday at 1400 to 1600.

## Radio Broadcasts Honor Oak Knoll

Seven patients representing Oak Knoll were guests of Major General Paul Malone, retired Army officer and noted military analyst, on his broadcast in San Francisco, Wednesday night, December 19, 1945.

The general interviewed one of the Oak Knoll group along with an Army sergeant from Letterman General Hospital. The program was on a coast to coast hook-up over the American Broadcasting Company airways from 2145 to 2200, P. S. T., and was dedicated to wounded service men of World War II.

Ensign Richard Simmons was interviewed by the general. Accompanying him on the trip to the studios were Pfc. Alvin B. Durboraw, Pfc. James R. Bruce, Pfc. R. O. Martinez, S1c Thomas E. Davis, AEM2c Hamilton S. Shepard and GM1c J. R. Wilkins.

### Dick Haymes Musical Salute

Officers and men at Oak Knoll received a musical salute during the broadcast of "The Dick Haymes Show," heard at 2000 last Saturday over station KQW in San Francisco.

### Red Cross Chief A Guest Here

Miss Amelia Baer, Red Cross Supervisor for the Bay Area, was a guest this week of the Red Cross here. Miss Baer was recently transferred to this area from southern California and Arizona.



## Our Doctor

Among the workin'-est, best-liked skin specialists of ward 80B is Dr. Edward J. Ringrose, capable dermatologist and syphilologist. This friendly medico assists in the diagnosis and treatment of all cases of integument disease and syphilis that report to his ward. He is



Lieut. Edward J. Ringrose

keenly interested in the variety of diseases he has the opportunity to study.

Dr. Ringrose hails from the corn capital of the nation, Iowa. Born in Sioux City, he went to Des Moines to begin his higher education. The University of Iowa lists him as an alumnus, as does Iowa State College, where he received his bachelor's degree in 1934. Genetics was his major at the latter school. After doing graduate work, he received his M. D. from the University of Iowa and then completed an internship and three-year residency there.

Studying his specialty during the residency period, Dr. Ringrose also served as instructor at the university before he was commissioned in 1944. His tour of duty began at the Naval Hospital at Portsmouth, Va., where he continued work in dermatology and syphilology. Transferred later to Norman, Okla., he was placed in charge of dermatology and syphilology at the Naval Hospital there. In August of this year, Lt. Ringrose received orders to join a cub hospital unit for overseas duty, but, when the war ended, he was sent to the school of tropical medicine at Treasure Island. From these studies he was ordered to assume duties at the Shoemaker Separation

## Yuletide Arrival of Eighty Girls Is Hospital's Final CorpsWave Draft

BuMed's Santa Claus paused long enough at Oak Knoll Christmas Eve to unload eighty bright-new CorpsWaves, Yuletide gifts of the Hospital Corps School at New York's Hunter College. The girls are the last draft of CorpsWaves that the hospital staff will receive and are members of Hunter's final graduating class, Ens. Betty Ross, Women's Reserve Representative here, stated.

They come to Oak Knoll after eight weeks of intensive hospital technique study which followed the usual rigors of eight weeks of recruit training. The girls are among the last class of WAVES enlisting in the Navy. Induction of feminine bluejackets throughout America was halted after V-J Day.

The girls have been assigned to wards and departments throughout the compound, where, ironically, they will replace for discharge many a point-heavy man.

The eighty are:

Frances Bruce Bethea, Frances Alice Boeck, Bonnie Jean Brooks, Shirley Lorraine Brooks, Luena

tion Center. After two weeks of examining discharges who were returning to syphilization, he was shifted to Oak Knoll, where he has remained since.

The doctor is athletically inclined more as a participant than a spectator. His major sports problem is a common ailment, keeping his golf handicap in single figures. He can also be observed occasionally on the tennis court and, when weather and time permits, he enjoys nothing more than a trek to the mountains for a little skiing.

Dr. Ringrose is a diplomate of the American Board of Dermatology and Syphilology in addition to his other distinctions.

When the lieutenant leaves the service next year, he plans to resume civilian practice. The West has won him though, and his next offices will be in Seattle, Washington, rather than the Midwest.

Answering an intimate question about his marital future, unmarried Dr. Ringrose replies impassionately, "No prospects."

Dallas Bryant, Loran Jean Bugely, Beverly Jean Burt, Irene Margaret Chaisson, Alice Genevieve Conlon, Jennie Cragel, Jeannette Rose Crego, Mary Jane Cronin, Mary Nell Croom.

Marguerite McGill Dickson, Doris Smith Donaldson, Mary Ann Donizetti, Helen Anne Ernst, Dorothy Marie Evens, Barbara Louise Ferguson, Ida May Foley, Barbara Boyes Goodman, Florence Margaret Goodman, Florence Mae Govro, Ethel Anna Gray, Mary Frances Griffin, Walma Agnes Hakkila, Marian Helen Hannigan, Mary Ellen Hannington, Bernadine Ora Harbin, Mildred Johanna Harrington, Eileen Frances Hayes, Betty Jane Hazen, Edan Madeline Head, Elaine Ruby Hemenway, Dorothy Jean Heyer, Evelyn Ruby Hicks, Waneta Smith Keesy, Charlotte Mary Konkiel.

Forence Marie Larsen, Marjorie Mae Larson, Lucille Elizabeth Manna, Elsie Frances Marshall, Juanita May Morgan, Dorothy Mae Mosser, Arlene Eilen Munsell, Agnes Eileen Murphy, Leslie Wilhelmna Murphy, Roberta Eileen Myers, Mary Agnes Oravec.

Viola Rita Penny, Genevieve Katherine Peplinski, Helene Mae Peters, June Fisher Potts, Margaret Callaway Putnam, Betty Jean Rickles, Jean Virginia Roberts, Phyllis Anne Shea, Freda Marie Splitstone, Zelda Mae Stallings, Leona Lucy Florence Steinike, Geneva Cora Swisher, Mae Louise Taylor.

Betty Jane Veeder, Phyllis Annie Walker, Kathleen Elizabeth Warner, Millicent White, Betty Jean Wiley, Lois Marie Ziegler, Alma Faye Arnold, Evelyn Barrett Crowson, Daisy Blanche Chusenberry, Theresa Goldenberg, Lorraine Frances Irwin, Florence Adella Mitchell, Shirley Lorraine Tebeau, Lois Ethel Wadell, Sara Spence Winkler.

Officer: What would you do if your gun captain's head were blown off in the midst of a battle?

Seaman: Nothing.

Officer: Why not?

Seaman: I'm the gun captain.

## Survey's Gernant Has the Answer

"When will my discharge be mailed?" "When can I go home?" These are just a couple of non-professional questions put to Mrs. Florence Gernant of the Survey Office.



Mrs. Florence Gernant

For Mrs. Gernant's job is to answer progress questions and to work out medical surveys for patients here at Oak Knoll who are no longer able to continue service in the Navy.

Working with Florence are five girls and two corpsmen.

She has held her busy position for thirty-four months and before coming to the survey office had worked for two months in the record section.

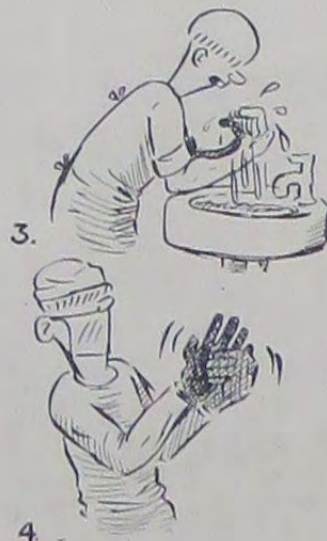
Mrs. Gernant interviews patients all day and reports that the most frequent excuses, for wanting a discharge sooner are that "... wife is going to have a baby," or "... going to get married." To these pleas Mrs. Gernant listens intently and offers sound non-professional encouragement.

Prior to her employment by the Navy, Mrs. Gernant worked part time at a local department store as a clerk. She also went to business school and has done office work for an automobile concern, where she received her training for the job she now does for the Navy.

During her free time, she likes to play bridge and enjoys a good football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Gernant live in San Leandro and have one daughter who attends high school there.

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# Three-Cornered Skivvies Pin Patients Down



R. C. Kuenzle SF2c and H. E. Cook AEM3c, Ward 46A, display their paternal abilities in changing diapers at a party given by U. of Cal. girls here last week. Supervising the neat job are Janet Lloyd and Shirley Perryman of the university.

## To buy..sell..rent..

### For Rent . . .

Comfortable room with private lavatory. Location, 3928 Everett Ave., Oakland, near Fruitdale and MacArthur. Breakfast and/or dinner arranged if desired. Phone Mrs. Barbeau, KE 3-0800.

### For Sale . . .

WAVE overcoat, brand new, size 14, regular \$27.00. Call Ext. 162. (WAVE barracks.)

### Wanted . . .

Two stenographers. Permanent position. American Red Cross, second deck, Ship's Service bldg. Mrs. O'Neill.

### Lost . . .

Brown cameo wallet, ragged lacing; contains \$165-\$170, money order stub, driver's license, social security card, kodachrome pictures of wife. Reward. Ensign M. Laba, Ward 69A.

Pair of pink shell-rimmed glasses by hitch-hiking sailor on MacArthur Blvd. Car driven by sailor who had just brought six-year-old son to Out Patient Clinic here. If found, please contact the Oak Leaf, Ext. 230.

## Officers Reporting:

Lieut. Dale B. Watkins (MC) USN;  
Ch. Pharm. James M. Bell (HC) USN;  
Lieut. Edgar L. Hughes (DC) USNR;  
Cmdr. James B. Pettis (MC) USNR;  
Cmdr. Chester F. Johnson (MC) USNR;  
Lieut. Frank E. Polmeteer (MC) USNR;  
Pharm. Charles M. Hine (HC) USN;  
Lt. Cmdr. Gerald L. Crenshaw (MC) USNR.

## Officers Detached:

Cmdr. James W. Bagby MC(S) USNR;  
Cmdr. Hildahl J. Burtness (MC) USNR;  
Lt. (jg) Michael V. Murphy (MC) USNR;  
Lt. (jg) John W. Krasauskas H(S) USNR;  
Ens. Carl C. Blickenstaff H(S) USNR;  
Lt. (jg) T. Murdoch Hale (ChC) USNR;  
Lt. (jg) Frederick P. Wolff Jr. (MC) USNR;  
Lt. (jg) Elton G. Welke (MC) USNR.

# 'Sus Is a 12-Yr.-Old Native Boy Who Became a Gyrene's Buddy on Guam

By Lt. A. W. Vinson, USMCR

Guam to Cpl. Robert (Wimpy) Jones, San Jose, was something more than another Pacific island retaken from the Japs by the United States Marines. It was the place where he met 'Sus.

'Sus is a 12-year-old boy who served as combination orderly, companion and guide for Corporal Jones. On reconnaissance patrols 'Sus and other small boys would lead the Marines to Nip hideouts.

While not flushing Japs out of their lairs, Wimpy was learning a great deal about the Guamanians through 'Sus who had three brothers—Joe, 11; Pete, 10; and Bill, 9. The youngest always was on the receiving end of the chores.

Wimpy would ask 'Sus to climb a palm after some tuba. 'Sus referred the matter back to Joe. Joe, of course, yelled, "Hey, Pete, 'Sus says for you to get tuba for Wimpy!" When Pete turned toward Bill, the little brother had a woe-begone look on his face. He shinned up after the tuba.

One day after little Bill had carried the brunt of more tasks than usual he confided in Wimpy. "Corpsal Jones," he sighed, "I wish the stork would bring another baby so I wouldn't have to do all the work."

'Sus did Wimpy's laundry for nothing when the Marines first came, but later there was a price. The islanders soon found that the free spending Americans would offer to pay a higher price for a clean shirt or a pair of dungarees if they were in a hurry. The prices stayed pegged at a substantial rate even when gear wasn't a rush request.

It didn't take the canny 'Sus long to become a capitalist in his own right. One afternoon he strutted into Wimpy's presence with a carbine on his shoulder, a cigarette in the corner of his mouth and

\$900 in bills sticking out of his clenched fist like leaf lettuce.

However, the actions of the natives were not always governed by the profit motive. To the injured and sick marines at the hospital they frequently brought fresh fruits and vegetables.

When the Japs took Guam they



Cpl. Robert (Wimpy) Jones

forced all the male population between the ages of 10 and 65 to work in the fields or at other manual labor. Those over 65 were required to remain indoors. Livestock not immediately seized by the Japs was turned loose to run wild on the island.

With the arrival of the Marines many of the cows, pigs and horses were rounded up. One particularly cagy cow had evaded the "re-domestication process" for three months. Wimpy and 'Sus had been on her trail most of this time during lulls in patrol assignment, but it wasn't 'til they organized a well-laid trap that they caught her.

In the vicinity of the messhall two squads of Marines waited in ambush while Wimpy and 'Sus beat the bushes. When they caught sight of her, Wimpy and 'Sus drove her into the trap. Wimpy and two other Marines played cowboy 'til they had pinned Maizie to the turf.

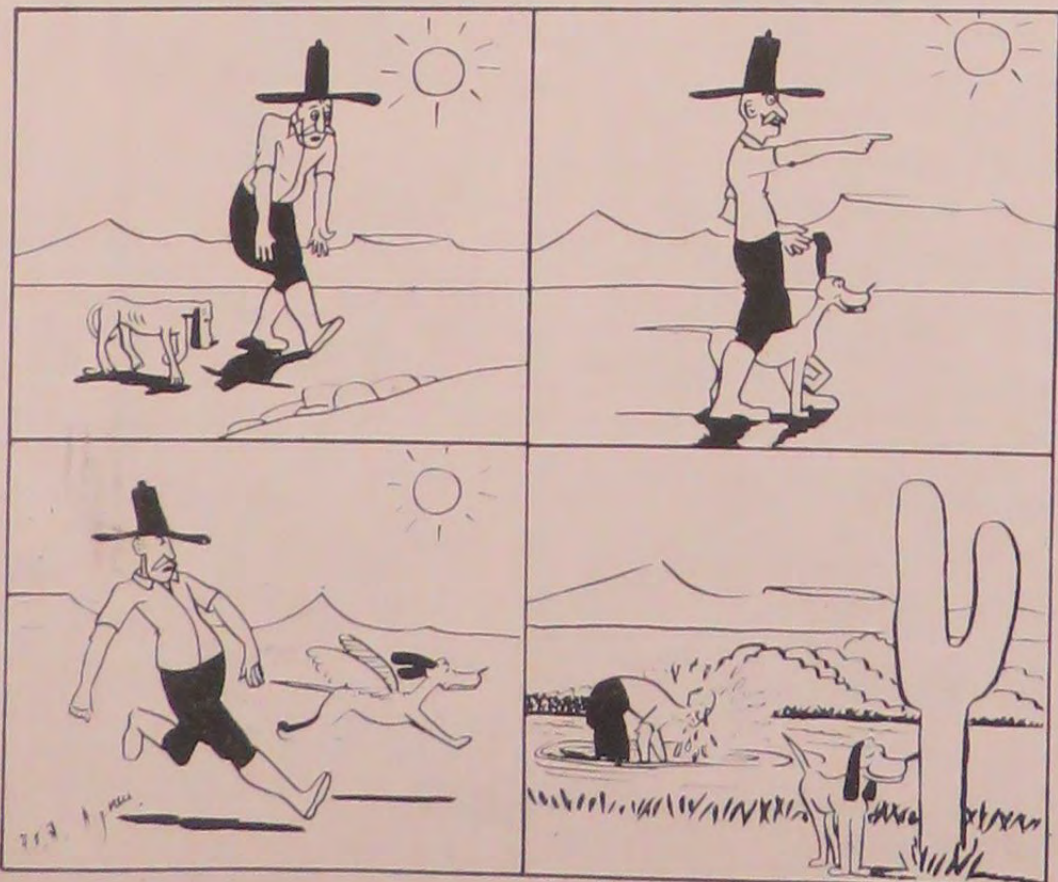
Then Wimpy tried the "squeeze act", but only one feeble squirt of milk rewarded his efforts. Later the same evening Wimpy, 'Sus and members of the ambuscade feasted on barbecued beef.

Gene Autry and Roy Rogers are heroes to the islanders; so it goes without saying that Wimpy and his fellow Marines increased their prestige by capturing Maizie.

First Moron: Gonna be tough sledding today.

Second ditto: Why?

First: No snow!





## Cig Co.'s Contest Offers Car a Day

"We should all buy Victory Bonds because . . ."

Complete the above sentence to the satisfaction of Raleigh Cigarette judges and you will find yourself the possessor of a Chevrolet.

The cigarette company is offering in a car a day until January 15, and service personnel appear to be enjoying an edge in the winners announced so far.

Contest rules are simple:

The sentence should be completed in twenty-five words or less.

Entries should be mailed to Raleigh Cigarettes, Box 1200, Chicago.

Two complete guess-what-kind cigarette wrappers must be enclosed with each entry submitted.

Further information on the contest may be obtained from the Ship's Service Officer, Lt. E. H. Kershner, and his assistant, Ch. Pharm. Donald G. Mikus.

## He Wasn't 'Back from the South Pacific' Still He Found Our Gals Quite Terrific . . . But Alas! They Weren't Specific

An Oak Knoll Vignette  
By Thomas J. Goss II, S1c

"Goin' to the dance?" the Corporman asks.

"Dance? Who, me?" I says, usually the boys take one look at my grey hair and avoid such foolish questions.

"Sure, down at Ship's Service, lots of eats—lotta babes, too," he continues, makin' appropriate gestures.

"Lots of babes there, huh?" I says drooling, "sure I'll go!"

I was a bit rusty I supposed, but I knew I'd soon catch the knack of it, being a cutter with the cakewalk back in Adele Astaire's time. I'd been out of circulation for some time, struggling with dry land farming in West Texas. Between fighting off the hookworm and the draft board and keeping Leo Daniels elected, I hadn't had much time for tripping the light fantastic. And the way I do it, I do mean tripping and I do mean fantastic. Too, I'd been married until this year; single now, my wife having left me for a blue-eyed fish monger whose voice faintly reminded her of Sinatra.

Upon entering the hall that night, I saw a dense crowd of males gathered around the center of the floor. Ever ready to see a good fight, I shoved my way to the center, using the technique that got me the last pair of nylons at the Lerner shop last Saturday. But no, there was no fight—there were women. "Wimmin!" I screamed. After all, when it's been as long as I have since you've merely touched a female, you can understand my excitement. There were seven or eight of the delectable creatures competing for the attention of about three hundred men; these however, were mostly spectators, contenting themselves with standing on the sidelines and growling.

Never one to dilly dally, I sprang into the air, clicked my heels together and selected a likely filly.

I cut in deftly, throwing three couples to the floor and the crowd into confusion. I flung into my routine, which was the razz ma tazz in '03.

"Have you ever danced before?" she asked cautiously.

"Oh, I danced a little before the wah," I replies modest.

"Civil War?" she says sweetly.

"Ha! ha!" I laughs, "you're a great little kiddie, ain't you?"

From then on she was silent except for light moans when I step on her feet too heavy. I have, I admit, an eccentric gait; probably caused by plowing, when you have to step on top of the furrow with one foot and the valley of the furrow with the other.

When the boys ended that tune, I give 'em a big hand. But my partner looks restive and finally says, "You stay right here, I've got to find a friend." I heard somebody mutter, "Poor kid, she needs a friend!" But taking no offense at this light hearted jest, I plunged back into the fray, giving all the girls a big treat. But unfortunately, one after the other they all had friends they had to see or find. Before the last one slipped away, I says, "Hey, maybe I can help you out, who's your friend?"

"Kilroy," she says disappearin'.

My God! I thought, so Kilroy's been here, too! So I took off my shoes and went back to the waggin yard.

It's only natural for sailors to be fast workers. After all, they're fleet men.

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## Off the Bookshelf

### Novels Recently Acquired

Costa Du Rels: *Bewitched Lands*. (Love, revolution, and violence on a feudal hacienda in Bolivia.)

Gay: *The Unspeakables*. (The court of Lombardy in the sixth century makes a colorful story.)

Gibbs: *The Young Prince*. (Fantasy based on the romance of Edward and the Duchess of Windsor.)

Jonas: *Beachhead on the Wind*. (Story of seven seamen working at salvage in the Aleutians by an author, who is also a seaman.)

Litsey: *There Was a Lady*. (Romance in a small southern town.)

Monsarrat: *Leave Cancelled*. (Story of a twenty-four hour honeymoon.)

Nordhoff: *The High Barbaree*. (Story of a shipwrecked aviator on a beautiful South Sea island.)

### Managing Your Life

Boring: *Psychology for the Armed Services*. (Primarily for men in service, but with much information practical in other situations.)

Jordan: *Spend Wisely and Grow Rich*. (Useful financial advice on how to spend your money.)

### Sports

Major: *Sure, You Can Fish!* (How to make your own tackle.)

Oliver: *Kings of the Mound*. (A pitchers' rating manual, giving official ratings of all great pitchers in baseball's history, 1894-1944.)

A Hollywood party starts out playing "What's My Name?"—and by the end of the evening they're not fooling.

will contain selected pictures of the Christmas celebration at Oak Knoll which at this week-end stage is breaking all records for unrestricted fun and merriment.

### Next Week's Oak Leaf

### Movie Schedule

Saturday, 29 Dec., Buffalo Bill; Joel McCrea, Maureen O'Hara.

Sunday, 30 Dec., Vacation from Marriage; Robert Donat, Deborah Kerr.

Monday, 31 Dec., Bathing Beauty; Red Skelton, Esther Williams.

Tuesday, 1 Jan., Walk in the Sun; Dana Andrews, Huntz Hall.

Wednesday, 2 Jan., Appointment in Tokyo; War Documentary.

Thursday, 3 Jan., Meet Me on Broadway; Marjorie Reynolds, Fred Brady.

Friday, 4 Jan., Doll Face; Carmen Miranda, Perry Como.

First Show, 1715 - Second Show, 1930

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